WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly; unsettled and mild with rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly and southerly winds, increasing on the Gulf; unsettled and mild with rain.

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PRIME MINISTER RESIGNS POST

Sir Richard McBride, K.C.M.G., Chosen to Succeed Hon. J. H. Turner as Agent-General in London.

HON. W. J. BOWSER IS LEADING GOVERNMENT

Reconstructed Cabinet Contains Names of Messrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, L. Campbell, C. E. Tisdall and W. Manson.

Yesterday there occurred at the Parliament Buildings, developments which led to a change in the leadership of the Government, a reconstructed Cabinet and the opening of a new era in the political life of the Province.

These developments were the resignation of the Premiership by Sir Richard McBride; his recommendation to the Lieutenant-Governor that the Hon. W. J. Bowser be invited to form a ministry; the acceptance of the task by Mr. Bowser, and the formation of a new Cabinet with the following personnel:

Hon. W. J. Bowser—Premier and Attorney-General.

Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt—Minister of Finance and Agriculture.

Hon. C. E. Tisdall—Minister of Public Works and Railways.

Hon. W. R. Ross—Minister of Lands.

Hon. Thos. Taylor—Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education.

Hon. Lorne Campbell—Minister of Mines.

Hon. Wm. Manson—President of the Council.

Another development was the resignation of the Hon. J. H. Turner, Agent-General in London; the tendering of that important post to Sir Richard McBride, and the latter's acceptance.

The rapid reconstruction of the Government, accomplished, in respect to the execution of all details of constitutional formality, within the space of a few hours, came "as a bolt from the blue" to all save the few within the inner political circle who had pre-knowledge of the pending event.

His Hon. Lieutenant-Governor Barnard was in attendance at the Parliament Buildings early yesterday morning. At noon a meeting of the Executive Council was held when Sir Richard made the announcement that he had tendered his resignation as Premier and Minister of Mines to His Honor, who had accepted the same; and that he had recommended His Honor to call upon Mr. Bowser to form a ministry.

Mr. Bowser was shortly afterwards sent for by His Honor and following this conference, very shortly thereafter, with a decisive promptitude so characteristic of the new Premier, announced that he would at once form a ministry. At 4 p. m. all the members of the new Government, the personnel of which is as announced, assembled in His Honor's apartments and formally took the oath of office.

EXPLAINS CAUSE OF RESIGNATION

Definite Programme of Development Laid Down by Sir Richard McBride Is Now Accomplished Fact.

In an interview yesterday, Sir Richard said: "Yes, I have tendered my resignation as Prime Minister to His Honor, which has been accepted, and my seat in the Legislature as one of the representatives of the City of Victoria to the Honorable the Speaker. Owing to advancing years, the Hon. J. H. Turner, Agent-General, London, England, who has done such splendid service for the Province through long years in various capacities of Minister of Finance and Agriculture, Premier and Agent-General, is withdrawing from office and I have accepted the post. In taking this step I do not wish the people of British Columbia or my constituents in Victoria to think that I do not appreciate to the full the long and very complete confidence they have reposed in me. I have, however, sat in the Legislature continuously since the elections of 1898, and for the greater part of the time since have directed the affairs of British Columbia during what was, perhaps, the most important and progressive period in its history, with all the zeal and ability I could command, and have endeavored to do my bit for Province and Empire.

Completed Development Programme

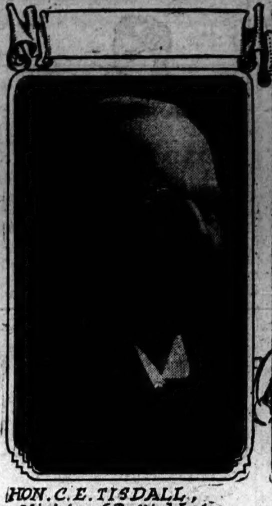
"Early during my administration I laid down a definite programme of development, particularly in respect of railways and public works, and while it is of common knowledge that I might have participated in the wider range of affairs in the Dominion, I declined to leave my post until I saw the end of my endeavors fairly in sight. The railway policy, in which I had the unanimous endorsement of the people, is now practically an accomplished fact, and we have spent about $34,000,000 in useful and necessary public works. The various other policies for which the Government has stood, and which have placed British Columbia in the forefront on this continent in respect of sound measures of an advanced character, forestry, agriculture, taxation, etc., are all worked out and working successfully. I feel that, as a consequence, when the war is over and conditions have once more become normal, this Province will be in a position to make strides ahead as in no sense was ever the case before.

"In the meantime, the present war has created a new situation in which the various parts of the Empire have been brought together very closely and with a great intimacy of interests. The relations of British Columbia and Great Britain—and the countries of the Allies as well—will, in a business way, assume a newer and more important aspect than ever before, and it is my aim and desire to assist in developing those relations in the fullest degree possible. I have, in my visits to Great Britain and the continent, carefully studied our interests from the viewpoint of those relations and think that, from my more or less personal knowledge of men and conditions in the Old Country, I can perform a more important service for British Columbia there now than I could here.

Confidence in Mr. Bowser

"I have recommended the Hon. W. J. Bowser to His Honor as my successor, and in his capable hands I have every confidence that the affairs of state will be energetically and most efficiently directed. His Government will, I am sure, continue to possess the trust and respect of the electorate, as generously reposed in mine for the past thirteen years. I have only to thank the people of British Columbia and my old constituents in Dewdney and of Victoria, whose interests I have endeavored faithfully to serve, for all their past confidence and to say that I leave my native Province for the time being, not with the least desire to sever relations which have been so pleasant, but in the hope that I may serve their interests even better than I have done in another and wider capacity. I wish to thank the members of the present and past Legislatures and all the officials of the Government for their loyal support and co-operation. I part with them with pangs of regret on account of the pleasantness of past relations."

Sweeping Changes Take Place in B. C. Government's Personnel



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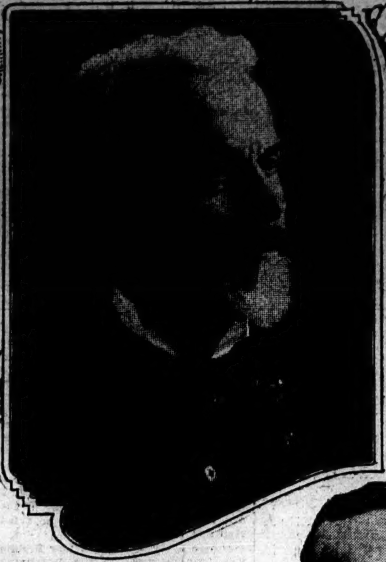

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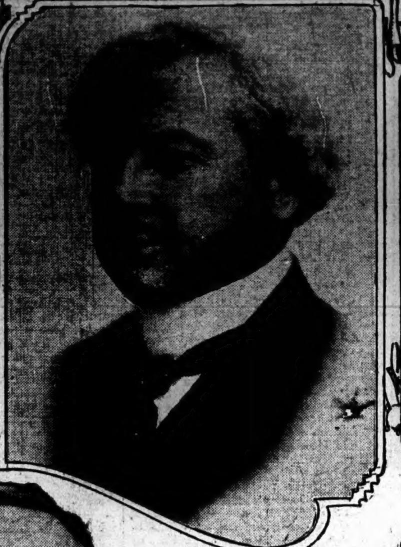

SIR RICHARD McBRIDE, K.C.M.G., Who Will Take Up Post of Agent General in London

HON. A. C. FLUMERFELT, Minister of Finance and Agriculture

HON. WM. MANSON, President of the Council

HON. W. J. BOWSER, Attorney General and the New Prime Minister of British Columbia

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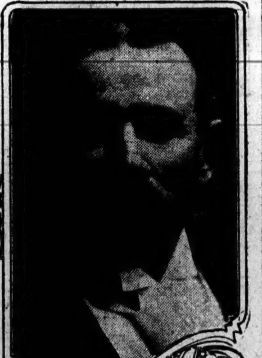

HON. T. TAYLOR, Provincial Secretary

TURKS REPULSED

Dispatches From Sir John Nixon Report Operations of Forces in Mesopotamia

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Mr. J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, today received dispatches from Sir John Nixon, commanding the Mesopotamia expedition and communicated them to the House.

General Townshend, who is in charge of the British forces which retreated from the vicinity of Bagdad, reported to General Nixon that there was a heavy musketry fire for an hour on the British north front on December 12, but that the Turks did not attempt an advance. A heavy attack made on a village on the right bank of the Tigris was repulsed. On the 13th all was quiet, according to the report.

General Nixon's dispatches added that British reinforcements continue to be sent up the Tigris.

Army Service Corps Instructor

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 15.—It is reported here that Major W. G. Coles, of the Army Service Corps, in the 1st Expeditionary Division, is to be returned to Canada at once to instruct Army Service Corps officers in training for overseas service. Major Coles, who is to be given, it is stated, the rank of lieutenant-colonel, has been in charge of a divisional supply train in France, and has served with distinction. He was a member of the London Board of Control when war broke out.

CAREER IS FULL OF ACHIEVEMENT

Sir Richard McBride, K.C.M.G., Noted as Empire Builder—Inseparably Associated With Province's Development.

In Sir Richard McBride, whose departure from the Province he has served so long and so faithfully will be universally regretted, British Columbia has developed one of the outstanding Empire builders of the time. If his services in this direction have met with appreciation here, they have, if possible, met with an even keener appreciation at the heart of the Empire in London, where the good name he has made for himself has made his presence welcome in the highest councils.

Long ago, Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking at a meeting held in his honor, said of him that "high destinies" were written on his face. While some of these "high destinies" have been realized other and more signal honors are yet in store for Sir Richard, and it may well be that this sudden change in his career is but the herald of greater activities of Empire service and the realization of cherished ambitions.

Certain it is that Sir Richard is a born administrator, a keen and penetrating student of humanity, a wise and vigilant man of affairs, goodhearted, kind, diplomatic, conciliatory but inflexible where firmness is required, tempering all his business and social relations with courtesy and refinement, which have made for him thousands of friends far beyond the confines of the Province, which he loves and where his name is a household word.

It is this rare combination of qualities that has placed him where he is, and made him such a commanding figure among men.

Far Reaching Development.

Very little of any importance has happened in this Province during the last decade in which he has not directly or indirectly played a leading part. His name, indeed, is inseparably associated with countless far reaching and beneficent schemes for the upbuilding, development and consolidation of the Province in every direction. His career is a most fascinating page in the history of Empire building in the Far West.

Some years since, the then Hon. R. L. Borden characterised him thus: "A brilliant young Canadian, whose name in British Columbia means to the people of that Province much, if not all, that the name of John A. Macdonald meant to Eastern Canada."

It is not necessary to sketch here at any length the early life of the Premier. He was born at New Westminster on December 15th, 1870, and is therefore 45 years of age. Long before middle age he had achieved position and influence, which able and ambitious men twice his years had coveted and failed to reach—all this simply because of inherent qualities and the force and magnetism of a powerful personality.

He received his early education in the public and high schools of New Westminster. From the High School he went to Dalhousie University, Halifax, from which institution he graduated at the end of the term of 1889-'90. Six years later he married Margaret, the youngest daughter of Neil McGillivray, of New Westminster. Four years prior to this he had begun the practice of law in the Province. It was in 1896, the year of his marriage, that he contested New Westminster as a candidate for the Dominion Parliament. He no doubt, fortunately for British Columbia, as subsequent events have proved, was unsuccessful.

Destiny had other things in store for him. In 1898 he stood for election in the Provincial constituency of Dewdney, which seat he captured with a substantial majority. He represented Dewdney until the the general Election of 1907, when he was returned for Victoria, where his personal and political popularity have been such that he has always commanded large and decisive majorities at the polls.

Rapid Advancement

His advancement in the political world has been astonishingly rapid, and has no parallel in the history of the Province or of the Dominion. His natural gifts of speech and rhetoric declared themselves early in the House and he was marked out as a coming man. He was appointed Minister of Mines in 1900-'1, leader of the Opposition in 1903-'4, and on June 1, 1903, he became Premier, an office which he has held with quite exceptional brilliancy and distinction until the present time. At the age of 32 he was the youngest Prime Minister in the British Empire.

At the time of his accession to the Premiership the Province was crying aloud for just such a man of his ideas and calibre. Sir Richard, as even the most prejudiced of his political opponents will admit, has always been a fearless and astute man, and it was not long before his sane constructive policy as leader of the Government bore practical results in a live administration imbued with his own ideas and inspired by his personality. Harmony prevailed where mean, petty squabbling and often times sordid motives had ruled.

Revolutionized Government

The Province was very far from being in a healthy condition financially, and when he assumed power the liabilities exceeded the assets by no less than $8,539,878.88. This condition of affairs was enough to discourage the bravest of men, but the young Premier, having an intimate knowledge of the vast resources of unexploited wealth of the Province and a clear conception of the ability and duty of the Government to open them up, was not discouraged, but set himself to the task of completely revolutionising the whole machinery of the Government as far as it applied to the opening up and development of the country. Behind him he had, as he has now, the complete confidence of the public, without which he could have done nothing.

Settlers—the first necessity of the opening up of any country—were attracted in large numbers. Population was, and certainly still is, the great want of the Province, but it was the vigorous and admirable policy of the first McBride administration that gave the first real stimulus to immigration on any appreciable scale. In ten years the population grew more than 113 per cent. A tide of immigration was attracted which in other circumstances would have gone to the Prairies, and the potentialities of the Province began for the first time to have practically world-wide advertisement. Little communities and settlements began to spring up in hitherto desolate valleys; small towns grew into large cities; wealth was attracted for the development of the mining, fishing and lumber industries; there were the possibilities of agriculture and fruit growing on a commercial basis over a wide area, and the unexampled attractiveness of the Province as a place of residence.

Necessity of Railways

Without railways, of course, no such development could have been possible. Sir Richard was early alive to the absolute necessity of railways and made their encouragement one of the chief planks of his platform. Now, as a result of his policy the richest and fairest parts of the Province have been opened up and, although the war is temporarily exercising a deleterious effect upon trade and expansion generally, the Province will reap its reward in a largely increased population of the best kind and a development commensurate with the wonderful resources of the country.

Sir Richard has been subjected to much criticism in some quarters with regard to the simple axiom that you cannot open up a country without railways, and that if you want railways, Government subsidies are imperatively necessary. But this criticism is at best weak, illogical and ineffective—the emanations of men without vision—and the future will show, indeed, it has been amply proved already, that Sir Richard's policy was, and is, the very best for the Province.

It seldom happens, of course, that a progressive policy, having for its chief aim the benefit of the majority of the people, receives the recognition it deserves. But on every occasion on which Sir Richard has gone to the country for a mandate from the people he has received it with increasing support every time. The approbation of the people at the general election of 1912 was flattering to a degree, and with the seal of public approval on his work, he felt encouraged to continue and extend his programme of developments along broad and democratic lines.

No one but a churl would deny the efficacy of that work as it is seen today in a hundred different avenues of life and enterprise.

As one of the foremost statesmen of the Canadian West Sir Richard was in attendance at the Coronation of Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. In 1912 merited distinction came to him when he was created a Knight of Saint Michael and St. George. He was invested with the insignia of this distinguished order by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, at Victoria, in October, 1912. Another distinguished honor was conferred upon him in March, 1912, when he received the degree of LL.D. from the University of California.

ARRANGING FOR BY-ELECTIONS

Premier Bowser Says Immediate Attention Will Be Given Matter—Speedy Announcement of New Policy.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, the new Premier, yesterday issued the following statement to the press:

"Immediate consideration will be given by the Government to the matter of arranging for the by-elections rendered necessary by the acceptance of office by Hon. Messrs. Flumerfelt, Tisdall and Campbell. A large number of matters of departmental routine—some of them important—will require instant attention at the hands of the Government, and we shall be busy for some days at this task, but the by-elections will be held almost immediately.

"My colleagues and myself are much gratified at the decision of Sir Richard to accept the position of Agent-General in London, which we today proffered him, and I am sure that opinion will be unanimous that the Province is to be congratulated on the fact that the services of inestimable value which Sir Richard is capable of rendering are to be continued in a centre where the interests of British Columbia are rapidly assuming a parmount status.

"Mr. Turner has served the Province faithfully and well; but it will be doing him no injustice to say that the weight of advancing years precluded his pursuing longer that active and aggressive policy so vital to the wellbeing of British Columbia at a time when there has suddenly developed a unique and promising interlocking of Imperial and British Columbia interests as a result of the momentous events of the past few months.

"Sir Richard during his recent visits to London was able to accomplish some very important results in respect to the marketing of our products in the Motherland, and, indeed, on the continent, besides being brought closely in touch with large financial interests who are powerfully concerned about the future of this Province. And as a result there has been a growing conviction in his mind—a conviction shared by those here to whom he gave his confidence—that he should, if opportunity offered, take over a post where his talents and ability could find large scope for action which will redound to the further advancement of the Province for which he has already done so much.

"In the course of the next few days I hope to be able, after consultation with my colleagues, to make a public announcement of what is to be the general policy of the new Government in its aim to grapple successfully with the problems now confronting the Province of British Columbia."

Aviator Burned to Death

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Captain Smith, of the Royal Flying Corps, was burned to death today, while flying in an aeroplane at Farnborough. While in the air the machine suddenly burst into flames. The pilot tried to reach the ground, but succumbed just before landing.

GENERAL HAIG IS IN COMMAND

Field Marshal Sir John French Is Relieved, at His Own Request, of Leadership of Armies on Continent.

WILL COMMAND FORCES IN BRITAIN

Is Made Viscount of United Kingdom—Succeeded by Sir Douglas Haig, Who Has Been General of First Army.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Field Marshal Sir John French, who at his own request has been relieved of the command of the British forces in France and Flanders, has been succeeded by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig. Since the landing of the expeditionary force Sir Douglas Haig has commanded the first army and has been repeatedly mentioned in dispatches by his chief, whose place he has taken. The change had been expected in some quarters for some time, and it was announced in the House of Commons yesterday (Wednesday), that a statement would be published immediately.

Sir John French becomes commander-in-chief of the armies in the United Kingdom. For his 16 months' service at the front he has been created a Viscount of the United Kingdom.

Although many had been mentioned as possible successors of Field Marshal French, including the Duke of Connaught, the appointment of Sir Douglas Haig, it is said, was anticipated in the best informed circles.

The announcement of the War Office making public Sir Douglas' appointment, reads as follows:

"General Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French in France and Flanders.

"Since the commencement of the war, during over 16 months of service and incessant strain, Field Marshal French has most ably commanded our armies in France and Flanders, and he has now, at his own instance, relinquished that command.

"His Majesty's Government, with full appreciation and gratitude for the conspicuous services which Field Marshal French has rendered to his country at the front, have, with the King's approval, requested him to accept the appointment of Field Marshal commanding-in-chief the troops stationed in the United Kingdom, and Field Marshal French has accepted that appointment.

"The King has been pleased to confer upon Sir John French the dignity of Viscount of the United Kingdom."

That there might be a change in the supreme British command on the Western front has been hinted at for some time. These hints increased with the recent appointment of General Joffre as commander-in-chief of the French armies. Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that the elevation of General Joffre had no bearing upon the substitution of General Haig for Field Marshal French.

Last Monday Sir Edward Cornwall, during the session of the House, asked the Government for information as to whether General Joffre's appointment would necessitate any important changes in the higher commands of the British forces. The Premier at that time declined to make answer. Today, however, he brought up the matter by saying:

"Some changes are in the course of being made, and will be announced almost immediately. They have no connection of any kind with the changes made by the French Government with regard to General Joffre's functions."

RECRUITS NUMEROUS

Lord Derby States That Many Were Enrolled Last Week—Refuses to Give Figures at Present

LONDON, Dec. 15.—In the House of Lords today the Earl of Derby, Director of Recruiting, when questioned regarding the results of his recruiting campaign, declined to give any figures in advance of Premier Asquith's statement, which will be made public next week.

The Earl declared, however, that "we were absolutely snowed under" with recruits last week, and that the gross total of the enrollments was very large. He added that it would be impossible to call up the married men until the country was convinced that single men had come forward to enlist in such numbers as to leave only a negligible quantity unaccounted for.

"We must keep to the pledge the Premier gave the married men," said the Earl. "Nobody yet can say whether or not the single men have come forward in sufficient numbers. That will be known on Tuesday."

Taken to Kirkwall

LONDON, Dec. 15.—At both the Foreign Office and the American embassy it was stated this afternoon that the dispatch from Kirkwall announcing the arrival there of the steamer Oscar II., with the Henry Ford peace party on board, was the first news received in London concerning the steamer. At the American embassy confirmation was obtained later that the Oscar II. had been taken into Kirkwall. This was done presumably in order that the steamer might be examined. No further details were obtainable at the embassy.

Austria Approves Murder

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty is in direct opposition to any disavowal of the course of the submarine commander who was responsible for the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona. On the contrary, it approves his conduct fully.

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Hon. J. H. Turner's Record of Service for British Columbia Has Been Full of Fruitful Activity.

The retirement of Hon. J. H. Turner was not unexpected by reason of his advanced age and the fact that his health latterly has not been of the best. Mr. Turner has discharged his multifarious duties as Agent-General for the Province in London with conspicuous success, and has been an ornament to the office. Only a man of very great tact, not to mention an encyclopaedic knowledge of the Province which he represents, could so worthily have filled the position, which he has held since 1901.

Mr. Turner was born at Clayden, near Ipswich, England, in 1834. He was educated at Whitstable, near Canterbury, and came to Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1856. After two years' residence there he removed to Charlottetown, P. E. I., where for some time he was engaged in business. He played a prominent part in organizing the first volunteer rifle corps in that Province. In 1862 he came West to British Columbia, and on July 2 reached Victoria on the steamer Oregon along with a goodly company of gold seekers and adventurers attracted by the lure of the goldfields. These were the days when large numbers of young men left good positions in Eastern Canada in quest of the yellow metal which was reported to have brought fabulous wealth to the first prospectors. Mr. Turner had no reason to regret coming West, for he was quick to realize the possibilities of Victoria both as a place of residence and as a place of business. In 1865 he founded the extensive mercantile house which still bears his name. To the development of this enterprise, Mr. Turner brought qualities of indomitable energy and perseverence, and under his active direction, the business grew until its ramifications extended to almost every part of the globe.

Service in Volunteers

In Victoria, also, the volunteer movement engaged his attention, and he was one of the members of the first corps formed for the defence of the Island during the great Fenian excitement of 1865. Mr. Turner passed through the various ranks and grades of officership until he was retired at Confederation into the Canadian Reserve Militia, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, in June, 1881. He was an alderman for the city, 1876-'78, and Mayor from 1879-'81.

In the general election of 1886, he was elected to represent the city of Victoria in the Provincial Legislature, and joined the Government of the Hon. A. E. Davie, in 1887, being re-elected in August of that year, after having accepted the portfolio of Finance Minister. At the general election of 1890, he was again returned for the city of Victoria, and occupied the position of Finance Minister in the Government of the Hon. John Robson. In 1894, he was once again elected by his constituents, and in the Cabinet, of which the Hon. Theodore Davie was Premier, he continued to administer the finances of the Province.

In March, 1895, on the resignation of the Premiership by the Hon. Theodore Davie, Mr. Turner was called upon to form a Cabinet. He served the Province as Premier and Minister of Finance from that time till August, 1898, when his Government was dismissed from office by Lieutenant-Governor McInnes, and for the next two sessions, he led the Opposition. In 1900, the Hon. James Dunsmuir assumed the Premiership, and Mr. Turner was one of the first invited to enter the Cabinet. He accepted his old portfolio of Finance, and remained in office till September 3, 1901, when he retired from office to accept the important position of Agent-General of British Columbia, in London, England.

From the day he entered politics, Mr. Turner always possessed the entire confidence of his constituents, and during his long career as a business man and politician, he has always taken an active interest in the mining, fishing, and other affairs of the Province, more notably immigration, which he has done so much to encourage since taking up office in London.

Mr. Turner has filled the office of Agent-General most acceptably, and in a great many ways has advanced the interests of the Province, being zealous in season and out of season in its behalf. British Columbia has received great prominence through his efforts.

HIGHWAY PROJECT

Automobile Club Appoints Committee to Further Scheme for Trans-Canada Route

Energetic action by the Island Automobile Club to prosecute its campaign in behalf of a Canadian national highway from the Atlantic to the Pacific was forecasted at a meeting of the club last evening, when a committee was appointed to get into touch with all other motor organizations throughout the Dominion and enlist their aid in furthering the project.

A step in that direction has already been taken by the club, and the work will be carried on by the committee, which is composed of Messrs. Andros, Walker, Watson, A. McDermott, Terry, Jones and Staneland. Besides endeavoring to have each Provincial organization work within its own jurisdiction, all will be pressed to appeal to the Federal Government to participate in the scheme.

The question of better regulations governing traffic at street intersections was dealt with, and in a short time a committee of three will be appointed to take the matter up with the city authorities.

The new membership card, appropriately designed and bearing the emblem of the club, was authorized for issuance. The date of the first annual meeting of the club was fixed for the second Tuesday of March next.

The effort of the club to have the Dominion authorities extend the period for free entry of tourists from ten days, the present limit, to at least three weeks will be continued.

Ford Motor Company of Canada

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 15.—The distribution of a 600 per cent stock dividend and an increase in the capital of the company from $1,000,000 to $20,000,000 was authorised at a special meeting of the stockholders of the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, held here today, it was announced.

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SIR DOUGLAS HAIG
Successor to Sir John French as commander-in-chief of the British armies in France and Flanders.

BRITISH ARMY'S NEW COMMANDER

Career of General Sir Douglas Haig, Who Is Chosen to Succeed Field Marshal Sir John French.

Sir Douglas Haig is 54 years of age, 9 years younger than his former chief, and won his spurs as a cavalry officer. His first commission was in the Seventh Hussars in 1885, and, as has been the case with most British officers of high rank, he saw service in the Soudan, India and Africa. He was chief staff officer to Sir John French during the Colesberg operations, when the British cavalry solved a difficult task in trying to round up the mobile Boer commanders. Later he was given command of a group of columns, and after the South African war was made inspector general of cavalry in India, one of the most coveted commands for cavalry officers in the British service.

After a few years of staff duty in England he became chief of staff in India, and at the outbreak of the war was general officer commanding at Aldershot. From there he took the first army to France.

Several times during the war General Haig has come in for high praise in the dispatches of the General he is now succeeding. At the battle of the Aisne his conduct was distinguished by Field Marshal Sir John French as "bold, skilful and decisive."

In November of last year Sir Douglas, then a Lieutenant-General, was promoted to the rank of General for distinguished service in the field.

Field Marshal French in his dispatches to the British War Office during the famous retreat from Mons, credited Sir Douglas with having extricated his corps from a difficult position at Landrecies.

General Haig is a Scotsman. He won his first honors under General Kitchener in the Soudan, where he was promoted to brevet major on the field for gallantry at Atbara and before Khartoum.

Field Marshal Sir John French has been in charge of the British forces on the continent since the outbreak of the war.

He is one of the best known of the British soldiers and always has had the reputation of being a skilful and dashing leader of men. Sir John was born in 1852. He served for four years in the navy, but not liking the sea he joined the militia and through it enterered the army.

He has seen wide service. During the famous Ulster movement in March, 1914, Field Marshal French, then chief of staff of the British army, resigned his commission. He was one of the signatories of the memorandum to Brigadier-General Gough giving guarantees to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight the Ulster Unionists, and regarding the repudiation of the document by the Government as a slight on himself, he resigned. Sir Douglas then became chief of staff, but at the outbreak of the war Field Marshal French was appointed to command the expeditionary army.

London Store Damaged

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 15.—Fire of unknown origin, breaking out shortly before midnight Tuesday, did $50,000 damage to the building and stock of Johnston & Murray, boot and shoe merchants, in Dundas Street. The blaze broke out on the second floor of the building, which is a four-storey structure. The upper floors, which were used for store rooms, were badly gutted, while the $75,000 stock on the ground floor was seriously damaged by smoke and water. The entire loss is covered by insurance.

Swiss Soldiers' Homes

BERNE, Dec. 15.—President Wilson has written an inscription for the soldiers' home bearing his name to be dedicated in elaborate exercises here on December 31. Americans in Switzerland have contributed $6,000 for three of these homes, which are suitable for being transported along the frontier where Swiss troops are guarding the long line under the rigors of mountain conditions.

EARNS FAME AS ADMINISTRATOR

New Premier of British Columbia as Attorney-General Has Won Thanks of Public for Enactments.

Hon. W. J. Bowser, the new Premier of British Columbia, is a member of one of the leading law firms of the Province. He was born at Rexton, New Brunswick, on the 3rd of December, 1867, and is, therefore, 48 years of age.

Mr. Bowser obtained his early education in the public schools of his native section, and continued his studies at Mount Allison Academy, Sackville, N. B. Subsequently, he pursued a two years' course in arts in Dalhousie University, at Halifax, N. S., and then entered the law department of that institution, graduating therefrom with the degree of LL.B., in 1890, and being admitted to the bar of New Brunswick. In 1891 he came to Vancouver, and in the same year was admited to practice, immediately becoming identified with the profession, as a member of the firm of Bowser & Lavelle. The concern afterward became known as Bowser, Godfrey & Christie, being changed subsequently to Bowser, Reid & Walbridge. Mr. Bowser has always evinced a very special interest in criminal law. While his firm is one of the largest and most influential in the Province, controlling an extensive general practice, Mr. Bowser has at different times been Crown prosecutor, and in 1900 was made Queen's Counsel. He has been engaged on many important civil and criminal cases.

It was in 1903 that the new Premier was first returned to the Legislature of British Columbia, representing the City of Vancouver. He was re-elected in 1907, 1909, and 1912. In 1907 he became a member of the Cabinet, and was sworn in as Attorney-General and also as Commissioner of Fisheries. During the years 1909, 1910, and 1915 he acted as Minister of Finance.

"A Good Fighter."

In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Bowser were presented to Their Majesties, King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra, and in the following year were presented at the coronation of Their Majesties, King George the Fifth and Queen Mary. In 1896 he married Miss Lorinda D. Doherty, a native of New Brunswick. Mr. Bowser has successfully conducted much of the Government's most contentious legislation, and is well known as a fearless and able administrator. He is known in politics as "a good fighter."

Mr. Bowser has rendered very great service to the Province in his capacity as Commissioner of Fisheries. While a Provincial Fisheries Act had been passed in 1901, no active steps had been taken to assert the rights or the jurisdiction of the Province, although there was very special need for action. There had been much neglect on the part of the Dominion in the matter of proper protection for the great salmon industry. The Commission of 1905-07 had recommended certain changes, but no action was forthcoming by the Dominion. There seemed no prospect of betterment of conditions until Mr. Bowser entered the Government of Sir Richard McBride. The very year he assumed office he introduced a measure known as the Cannery License Act under the guise of a revenue act. It became law, and the first step towards the protection of this very important asset had been taken. Spurred to action, the Dominion followed suit the next year. Again and again the same thing has happened with regard to the Department of Fisheries legislation, and by his far-seeing judgment and firm actions Mr. Bowser, while preventing the undue exploitation of the salmon fisheries, and so saving the rivers of Northern British Columbia from being robbed of what might have proved wealth for all time, has given the canners stability of regulation and relieved them of the harrassment and uncertainty from which they suffered for years. In addition, Mr. Bowser has been active in furthering scientific study of fish life, and this has meant a good deal and will mean still more to the fishermen and the canners.

Strong Administrator.

As Attorney-General, and chief law officer of the Crown, Mr. Bowser has shown himself to be in sympathy with the spirit of the time in its attitude towards the criminal. Under his regime a system of prison farms has been launched, where fresh air and exercise with healthy occupation may help in regenerating the culprit, while many reforms in the administration of the Industrial School for Boys have been effected. More recently a similar institution for girls has been established.

The manner in which he has administered the laws of the Province has won him a unique position as a legislator and administrator. By his strong action in enforcing certain laws he has from time to time incurred the wrath of certain objectors, but it has often happened that his loudest detractors were afterwards willing to admit the actions of Mr. Bowser in his rigid enforcement of the law was for the general good.

Another action of Mr. Bowser, in his official capacity has won him unstinted praise. This was the order which resulted in a great improvement to the rolling stock facilities of the electric railway companies operating in the Province; also better regulations for handling traffic on street cars in cities. He won the thanks of the public for securing the passage through the Legislature of the Motor Traffic Act. This measure secures the maximum amount of protection for pedestrians on the crowded streets of cities and to travelers along country roads. Another important measure among the many he has been responsible for is the Workmen's Compensation Act, introduced last session.

Mr. Bowser has frequently discharged the duties of Premier during Sir Richard's absence. As a lawyer he ranks among the most learned in British Columbia, and as a politician he has attained a measure of popularity which has been accorded to but few men in high office in Western Canada.

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, December 16, 1865)

Mammoth Sign Board—Yankee Sanders, the agent for Bachelder's renowned panorama, has constructed a huge bulletin board at the corner of Fort and Government Streets.

Big Bend—Passengers who arrived on Wednesday from the Fraser River state that several miners were met on the way down who had just returned from Big Bend, and gave glowing accounts of the new diggings.

Lord Monck, the Governor-General of Canada, on his visit to his home in the County of Wicklow, Ireland, met with a most cordial reception from his tenantry and neighbors. Mr. Justice Keogh and Right Hon. the Attorney-General presented to him an address complimenting him especially on his having "at a critical period of public affairs, advanced the prosperity of the best possessions entrusted to his rule, conciliated the attachment and loyalty of all classes of Her Majesty's subjects, and, whilst upholding the supremacy of Great Britain, fostered and successfully maintained amicable relations with the neighboring States."

HIS PEACE MISSION

Cardinal Hartmann Supposed to Have Been Bearer of Messages Between Rome and Berlin

ROME, Dec. 15.—That Cardinal Hartmann, of Cologne, had an important mission to the Pope is thought here to be proved by several facts.

First of all, he left Rome at night of the same day on which the consistory was held, while all the other foreign cardinals were still here. Moreover, on returning to Germany, instead of going to Cologne, he went straight to Berlin and had a long conference with Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg, supposedly reporting the result of his mission in Rome and informing the Chancellor as to the Pope's views on peace, giving details which could not be included in a consistorial allocution, wherein only general lines are laid down.

It is believed that the Vatican has been trying to induce Archbishop Bourne, of Westminster, to be the bearer of a peace message to England, but he refuses to accept such a mission, plainly stating that Great Britain cannot give up fighting until the Allies' cause, which he holds represents right and civilization, prevails.

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PERSONNEL OF CABINET STRONG

Inclusion of Messrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, C. E. Tisdall, W. Manson and L. Campbell Is in Province's Best Interests.

It is no mere figure of speech to say that the Government and the country are fortunate in securing the services in the new Minister of Finance and Agriculture of one of the great "captains of industry" of Canada—as a bare recital of some of the more notable financial and industrial achievements of the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt will attest.

He was one of the organizers of the famous Granby Smelting and Refining Company, whose holdings and operations now constitute it the greatest enterprise of the kind in the British Empire, and among the largest in the world. Grand Forks was the site chosen for the erection of the smelter and refinery, and as a result of the initiative of the company an era of progress and development was ushered in which stimulated activity in the whole of the Kettle River Valley, and led to the construction of the Columbia and Western Railway. When Mr. Flumerfelt left the active management of the company, it was giving steady employment to a force of no less than 1,500 men, and was paying in freight charges alone a sum approximately $50,000 per month. As everyone knows the Granby Company has not confined its operations to Grand Forks, the scene of earliest operations in the mining industry of British Columbia, but has established immense works on a scale similar to those at Grand Forks at Anyox, on the upper coast, where the extensive plant is giving employment to a force of 1,000 men

Mr. Flumerfelt is president of the Hastings Shingle Manufacturing Company, and for many years devoted much time and attention to the development of the industry, with such success that today it stands as the largest mill of the kind in the world, with a capacity of 600,000 feet per day.

The new Minister of Finance and Agriculture founded the town of Coleman, near the British Columbia border, establishing at that point the works of the International Coal and Coke Company, which he founded. For many years he was the active head of the company, whose holdings constitute one of the big coal mining properties of the country. It has been estimated by experts that there is sufficient coal in sight to allow the mines to operate for a period of 150 years at a profit, providing there is a market for the product.

Mr. Flumerfelt founded the British America Trust Company, in 1901. He is still president of the company, in which he holds a controlling interest. He was one of a number of men in Montreal who organized a company, in which he is the chief stockholder, to absorb and control large manufacturing concerns all over the world, and cheapen the cost of producing certain classes of commodities. This company now controls several large concerns in England, two in France, with a very important branch in New York. This is the first case on record where a distinctly Canadian concern has invaded the commercial field in Europe, and assumed a controlling interest in great business houses.

He is also one of the original shareholders of the Great West Life Company, and for many years has been one of its directors. For a long period he was a director of one of the chief manufacturing concerns of Canada. He is president and a director of the Trust and Guarantee Company, with head office at Toronto, which has assets which total between $13,000,000 and $14,000,000.

The new Finance Minister was for many years the active manager of the western interests of the Eastern Townships Bank, and as a result of his initiative branches of the bank were established at many points in the West, including Vancouver and Victoria. The Eastern Townships Bank was later absorbed by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and he was given a seat on the directorate, which he still occupies.

Hon. Lorne Campbell.

Hon. Lorne Argyle Campbell, the new Minister of Mines, who represents Rossland, was born on the 5th of March, 1871, at Perth, Ontario. He is the son of John G. Campbell, and his wife, Helen I. Campbell, both Canadians. He was educated at Perth public school and collegiate institute. He is vice-president and general manager of the West Kootenay Power and Light Company, and president of the Cascade Water Power and Light Company, etc. He first contested Rossland seat in 1907, but was not successful until the general election of 1912, when he swamped his opponent. Mr. Campbell's nomination at this election was supported by Conservatives, Liberals and Socialists alike. Naturally, he is extremely popular in his constituency, where his able and energetic personality and his persistent and aggressive advocacy of the claims of his district have given him a position of unique popularity. He is well known as one of the foremost business men of the Provincial interior, who has played a very useful and important part in the upbuilding of the mining and general industrial interests of the Kootenays. His majority at the last election was a record for the constituency.

Hon. W. R. Ross.

The Hon. W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, was born at Fort Chipewyan, Athabasca, on the 29th March, 1869, and is a son of Donald Ross, a native of Norway House, Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba. His paternal grandfather was chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company, being identified with the Northern Department under Sir George Simpson. Mr. Ross received his early education at St. John's College, Winnipeg, where he took his B. A. degree in 1887, and that of M. A. in 1890, in which year he was called to the Manitoba Bar. He studied law with various firms, and practised his profession as junior partner of the firm of Munson & Allen, of Winnipeg, until 1895. During the following year he was a member of the firm of Nugent & Ross. In 1896 he came West to British Columbia, locating for the time being at Rossland, but returned the following Winter to Winnipeg to take charge of an important case. The year following he came out to Fort Steele, East Kootenay, and within a very short time was called to the Bar of British Columbia. Here he founded the firm of Ross & Herchmer and practised law as the senior member thereof until 1901, when the firm was dissolved. About the close of 1901 he migrated to Fernie, where he went into partnership with J. S. T. Alexander, the firm practising under the name of Ross & Alexander, until 1909, when Mr. Alexander withdrew on receiving the appointment of Government Agent. Mr. Ross then organised the firm of Ross, Macdonald & Lane, at Fernie.

In 1903 Mr. Ross was elected to the British Columbia Legislature for Fernie, and was re-elected in 1907, 1909, 1910 and 1912. These repeated votes of confidence are the best tokens of his popularity in Fernie, where his ability as a legislator and his good name as a public man are widely and favorably known. In 1906 he was made King's Counsellor.

In 1910 Mr. Ross received the appointment of Minister of Lands, which office he still holds, having discharged the onerous duties attaching thereto with a public-spirited zeal which has borne fruit in a highly-organised and efficient Department. Mr. Ross has greatly extended the usefulness of his office, which is one of very great importance. It calls for the exercise of a good deal of discretion. Its duties are quasi-judicial, for there are continually arising in the administration of the Department questions of a legal nature, and others that require for their solution the application of a mind accustomed to the intricacies of legal considerations.

Combined with legal knowledge of a high order, Mr. Ross possesses a fund of strong common sense and much force of character. The measures he has "fathered" since his accession to office have shown a sound appreciation of the needs of the Province.

Mr. Ross is the vice-president of the Northern Coal and Coke Co., and has played a conspicuous and useful part in the business and commercial affairs of East Kootenay for a good many years.

Hon. Thomas Taylor.

The Hon. Thomas Taylor, who takes up the portfolio of Provincial Secretary, was born in London township, Ontario, on the 4th of February, 1865. Mr. Taylor's father was a native of Ireland, while his mother was born in Ontario. Mr. Taylor was reared on the farm, and attended the graded and high schools of his native district until his father's death. He subsequently followed a course of study in the commercial college at London, Ontario. Later he was articled to the law firm of Taylor & Taylor, for two years. In 1885, being then a youth of twenty years old and full of ambition and energy, he went to Winnipeg in search of greater opportunities, and filled various positions there until 1888, in which year he came to British Columbia, where he remained in the service of the Canadian Pacific Railway until 1894. In the year 1889 he went to Donald, in connection with the mechanical and store department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and for one year had charge of the company's store at North Bend. After leaving the service of the Canadian Pacific, he took over the management of the branch stores of C. B. Hume and Company, located at Revelstoke. He subsequently had charge of their branch store at Trout Lake City, and later became a partner in the firm, taking an active part in its management until 1903. Mr. Taylor still retains a financial interest in the concern, which is a very extensive mercantile establishment with a number of stores.

From 1894 until 1898, Mr. Taylor served as Mining Recorder for the Provincial Government, and also acted as postmaster at Trout Lake. In 1890 he was elected to the Provincial Legislature by the people of Revelstoke, being further honored by re-election in 1903, 1907, 1909 and 1912. In 1908 he was called into the Government, and on the 21st of December of that year was sworn in as Minister of Public Works. His labors have received the endorsement of both parties, and the importance of his accomplishments are manifest in the splendid system of Provincial roads throughout the Province. He has endeavored to keep his road superintendents in close touch with up-to-date methods of road construction, always advocating the use of the most modern methods of machinery. He is the originator of the Trans-Provincial Road, one of the finest highways on the Pacific Coast.

Too much cannot be said of Mr. Taylor's special activity in the Department of Public Works. In 1911 the Department of Railways was added to the Department of Public Works, and thus much additional responsibility devolved on him. The Department of Railways has to do with the formation of all railways, the incorporation of the same, the approval of location of the line, right-of-way, etc., and in fact any matters in connection with steam and electric roads, adjustment of rates, etc. Mr. Taylor's duties require all of his attention, and will not permit of any outside interests. He is a conscientious and hard-working Minister. His unbounded faith in the future of the Province and actual knowledge of its possibilities has made him ambitious to play his part in its final development.

Hon. Charles Edward Tisdall

Hon. Mr. Tisdall, who has represented Vancouver in the local House since 1908, was born in Birmingham, England, on April 9, 1866. He was educated at Bishop Vessey's Grammar School, Sutton Coldfield. Mr. Tisdall was first elected to the Legislature for Vancouver City in 1908 and has been re-elected at subsequent elections.

The new Minister of Public Works is widely known as one of the leading pioneer business men of Vancouver, being considered one of the solid men of the commercial community and one who rendered yeoman service on all occasions which called for effort on the part of the business men to stimulate and foster the upbuilding of the Provincial metropolis. He was for long one of the stalwarts of the Board of Trade of Vancouver, having occupied most of the important posts in that organization, of which he is still one of the most valued members.

Mr. Tisdall, a man of broad views, has ever been popular with the masses of the people of his constituency to a degree infrequently enjoyed by a strong party man. This was well exemplified some eight years ago, when on the occasion of the general election of that date he headed the poll over the entire ticket.

Mr. Tisdall is an adherent of the Anglican Church, and in that faith has shown an activity in Christian effort which has done much for the elevation of the tone of the public life of the community. In the Legislature he has shown a capacity for debate which has long been recognized on both the Government and Opposition benches. Fearless, well informed and aggressively active in the interests of the country, he has manifected qualities as a legislator which will will prove invaluable in the higher sphere to which he has now been elevated.

Hon. William Manson

Hon. William Manson, member for Skeena, is a son of William Manson, and was born on July 4, 1867, at Sandwick, Shetland Islands, Scotland. He was educated at Sandwick public schools. He was elected member for Alberni in 1905 and again in 1906 and was appointed Provincial Secretary in 1906, which office he held until the general election of 1907, when he was defeated in Alberni. At the general election of 1909 he was returned for Skeena, which constituency re-elected him in 1912.

Hon. Mr. Manson, President of the Council, Came to British Columbia in 1887, where he was employed at Comox, where he remained until 1889. He then went to Nanaimo and secured a position as accountant. It was here in 1896 that he began a long and useful career of honorable public service. In 1901 he was elected mayor of the city and served four years. At the expiration of his term he was elected to the Legislature for the Alberni district, serving from 1905 to 1906 and in the following year was Provincial Secretary in the McBride ministry. In the Fall of 1907 he went to Port Salmon as Government agent and stipendiary magistrate, and in 1903 moved the Government offices to Prince Rupert, making his home in that city, before the townsite was surveyed or the timber cleared. He immediately identified himself with the public interests and since that time has been a power and vital force in the city's expansion. In 1909 he resigned his office as Government agent and the same year was elected again to the Provincial Parliament. In 1911 he was elected mayor of Prince Rupert, filling the office as mayor as well as serving as member of the Legislature. During his term of service he accomplished many municipal changes and reforms of lasting benefit. He was largely instrumental in obtaining an agreement between the city and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and the Provincial Government by which the city acquired many blocks of property and settled taxation questions between the city and company for a term of ten years. The land thus acquired the municipal government is using as parks and for other public purposes. Mr. Manson, as mayor, also took an active part in the work of establishing the hydro-electric system, combining water for domestic use and power for electric light purposes. The work of building the plant is now under way and will eventually prove of great and lasting value to the community. Mr. Manson is an honorary member of the local hospital board, is prominent in the affairs of the Masonic Order and devout in his adherence to the Methodist Church.

McBRIDE MINISTRY DURING 13 YEARS

The McBride ministry was formed on June 1, 1903, the personnel of the cabinet being as follows: Hon. Richard McBride, Premier and Chief Commissioenr of Lands; Hon. A. E. McPhillips, Attorney-General; Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture; Hon. Charles Wilson, President of the Council; Hon. R. F. Green, Minister of Mines and Minister in charge of the Education Department; Hon. A. S. Goodeve, Provincial Secretary.

Messrs. McPhillips and Goodeve were both defeated on going back for reelection and subsequently resigned.

On November 5 the ministry was reconstructed as follows: Hon. R. McBride, Premier, Minister of Mines and Provincial Secretary; Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture; Hon. Chas. Wilson, K.C., Attorney-General; Hon. R. F. Green, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works; Hon. F. J. Fulton, K.C., President of the Council.

Subsequently there were the following changes in the ministry: Hon. F. J. Fulton was appointed Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, May 18, 1904; Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton, President of the Council, June 6, 1904; Hon. F. J. Fulton, Attorney-General, March 15, 1906; Hon. Wm. Manson, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, December 31, 1906; Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, December 31, 1906; Hon. H. E. Young, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, February 27, 1907; Hon. W. J. Bowser, K.C., Attorney-General, July 24, 1907; Hon. Thomas Taylor sworn in as Minister of Public Works (the first) December 21, 1908; Hon. F. J. Fulton, Chief Commissioner of Lands, resigned October 21, 1909; Hon. R. G. Tatlow resigned same date, died April 12, 1910; Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney-General, appointed Minister of Finance October 22, 1909; Hon. Price Ellison sworn in as Chief Commissioner of Lands November 1, 1909.

On October 10, 1910, A. E. McPhillips, Esq., K.C., was appointed President of the Executive Council in place of Hon. F. Carter-Cotton, resigned.

Hon. W. R. Ross was appointed Minister of Lands in place of Hon. Price Ellison, who accepted the portfolio of Finance and Agriculture, relinquished by Mr. Bowser, who still retained his original portfolio of Attorney-General as well as that of Commissioner of Fisheries.

The Hon. Dr. Young assumed the portfolio of Minister of Education in addition to that of Prvincial Secretary, and Hon. Thos. Taylor Minister of Public Works, in addition assumed the portfolio of Minister of Railways.

The Hon. A. E. McPhillips, being appointed to the bench of the Court of Appeal for British Columbia on September 20, 1913, resigned as President of the Council. Until yesterday this vacancy remained unfilled.

Hon. Price Ellison resigned the post of Minister of Finance and Agriculture in February last, and was succeeded by Mr. Bowser, who relinquished those offices yesterday.

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Thursday, December 16, 1915

SIR RICHARD McBRIDE

After more than seventeen years of public life, for upwards of twelve of which he was Premier of his native Province, Sir Richard McBride, on his forty-fifth birthday, has retired from active participation in public life and will assume the office of Agent-General of British Columbia in London. While we know that Sir Richard, for some time past, more than most persons suppose, has contemplated retirement, he has remained at his post, devoting his best powers to the service of the Province. While we have been aware that his resignation might be forthcoming at any time, the event itself is somewhat of a shock. We do not now speak politically. Long and close identification with him in public life and prolonged relations of the most kindly and intimate character have created sympathetic ties, that we readily acknowledge, cannot be severed politcally without regret.

We think we have known Sir Richard McBride as few persons have known him, and it is without hesitation that we say of him that he has ever been animated in his public life by splendid confidence in the future of British Columbia, and an earnest desire to advance its interests. We say what we firmly believe to be the truth when we state our profound conviction, that in every act of policy to which he committed himself, his party and the Province, he had no ulterior purposes whatever. He wished to make British Columbia what he thought nature intended it to be. Amid all the criticism and assaults, to which as a public man, he has been subjected, attacks before which a stronger personality might have lost courage, Sir Richard has been upborne by a consciousness of his own integrity and of his singleness of purpose. If there are those who are unwilling to believe this, we have only to say that they do not know the manner of man he is. Sir Richard has never claimed infallibility nor have his friends claimed it for him; but he had a right to claim that he never swerved from his self-imposed task to make British Columbia the better for his life and labors. He has erected a monument to himself that will be lasting.

Sir Richard had two great tasks to perform when he took office. One was to re-establish the credit of the Province and secure a revenue that would sustain that credit and warrant the construction of needed public works; the other was to devise a programme of railway development. In both these he achieved a conspicuous success. His handling of the financial situation was courageous and remarkably successful. He took his political life in his hand by cutting down expenditure at a time when the public were clamoring for public works. He then set himself to work to make the natural resources of the Province pay for the undertakings, which had been in abeyance for many years. The history of his policy in this regard need not be repeated here. It was a wonderful success. Criticism has been directed against some of the policies which he employed for this purpose, but differences of opinion upon such matters are to be expected. Sir Richard secured the results aimed at; the needed public works were undertaken, and we venture to say that when the heat of partizanship has had time to cool his general policy in this regard will receive unstinted approval even from those who have been foremost in condemning it. In all these things he received the support of his colleagues and the public.

His railway policy was courageous and well considered. It has secured a new transcontinental line for Canada, and has led to the opening of the Province as a whole and Vancouver Island, no less than any other part of it, in a manner that would not have been possible for years to come but for his energy and foresight. He inaugurated a great north and south railway project, one which in the course of not many years will justify the claim made for it that it will be one of the most valuable trunk lines on the continent. Space prevents the elaboration of the benefits certain to accrue from the McBride railway policy.

Sir Richard's personal influence has accomplished much for the Province abroad. He made it and its resources known in London, New York and other centres of business and finance as it never was known before. He helped in a marked manner in making the world talk of British Columbia as one of the great lands awaiting development. Fortunately his good work in this respect will not be discontinued. In the office of Agent-General he will be in a position to accomplish even more than he has been able to do in that line in the past, for he will be able to give his undivided attention to the work. In the course of a conversation not very long ago, when his prospective retirement was being discussed, he said: "I am not sure that I cannot do more for the Province during the next few years by activity in another sphere than I could do here." His wide acquaintance with men prominent in business and finance will be invaluable to the Province in the discharge of the duties in London which he is soon to assume.

And so we say "Au Revoir." Fitness for public life, such as he possesses, will hardly remain unemployed in a wider field than that upon which he is soon to enter. He is at an age when most public men are only on the threshold of a career. He is retiring for the present from the strife of politics. We do not profess to know what may be his plans for the future or if any have taken shape in his mind except those attached to his new post, but we are confident that there is a field of conspicuous usefulness yet before him if his physical health permits him to enter it. Such knowledge of British Columbia as he possesses, such a thorough Canadianism as is his, such splendid appreciation of Imperial duty as inspire him will not be lost to his country in the years to come.

A NEW MINISTRY

British Columbia has a new Ministry, not only by virtue of the acceptance of the Premiership by Mr. W. J. Bowser, but by reason of the introduction of new elements into the Cabinet which he has formed. Until the Premier has announced his policy any observations in regard thereto would be premature, but we may feel confident that he and his colleagues will devote themselves to the determination of the lines of action rendered necessary by the new conditions that have arisen in the Province.

The personnel of the new Ministry will commend itself to public confidence. The Premier is so well known, his abilities as a leader are so well understood, his vigorous and courageous disposition is so fully appreciated that any comment upon him personally is uncalled for. He has undertaken a serious task and we are sure that he will discharge it well and faithfully. Mr. A. C. Flumerfelt, who becomes Minister of Finance and of Agriculture, is one of our most successful business men. He is widely known throughout the Province and as widely esteemed. His activities have been in a direction that fits him in an especial manner for handling the financial department. It will be a matter of some surprise that he has been willing to abandon the semi-retirement, in which he has been living, and enter the political arena, and nothing but a strong sense of duty could have compelled him to the sacrifice he is making. The Province is fortunate in having his service at its command and Victoria is to be congratulated on having an opportunity to secure so competent a representative. Messrs. Tisdall and Campbell are members of the Legislative Assembly and both have been regarded as Cabinet timber. Mr. Tisdall, who represents Vancouver, is one of the pioneers of that city and among its most successful business men. He possesses qualities that will fit him in a special manner to discharge the onerous duties attaching to the offices of Minister of Public Works and Railways. Mr. Campbell comes from what is at present the premier mining constituency in British Columbia and is a practical business man occupying a position of great trust and responsibility in private life. No man has greater confidence in the future of British Columbia mining than he. He takes office untrammelled by any previous public record in that line of activity, and his wide experience and practical turn of mind justify the belief that he will make an excellent Minister of Mines. Mr. Thomas Taylor, who was Minister of Public Works and Railways in the McBride Administration, has accepted the portfolio of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education under Mr. Bowser. His new duties are very much less heavy than those of the departments he has relinquished and in which he made a reputation for good work that extended beyond the limits of the Province. Mr. W. R. Ross, who made such a conspicuous success of the administration of the Lands Department during the latter half of the McBride regime, has consented to continue in office. His retirement would have been very greatly regretted, not only by all persons having business with the Department but by the public at large, who have had many evidences of his sagacious grasp of the very important questions appertaining to his office. Mr. Manson, who represents Prince Rupert in the present House, becomes President of the Council. Among the private members none have been more highly esteemed than he, and his counsel will be of great value to his colleagues.

The new Ministry is an exceptionally strong one. It will be able to bring to bear upon its duties the untrammelled discretion of business men of high standing, men who understand the requirements of the Province very thoroughly and whose large personal interests are a pledge of their determination to keep British Columbia upon the highroad to prosperity.

A FAITHFUL SERVANT

Mr. J. H. Turner, Agent-General of British Columbia in London, has resigned his offices. Mr. Turner has passed the four-score milestone and will seek rest after half a lifetime devoted to the service of the people of British Columbia. For nearly forty years he has served his fellow citizens in one public capacity or another, and always in a manner to merit their confidence. Elsewhere is given a sketch of his career, and all we wish to do in this place is to put on record an appreciation of his worth and eminent public services.

Mr. Turner has always been a firm believer in British Columbia where so great a part of his life was spent. He knew the Province well and therefore was ready as a public man to support all undertakings that meant its development. The opening of Kootenay, which gave an impetus to lode mining in British Columbia and inaugurated a period of prosperity that will become greater and greater as the years pass, was largely due to Mr. Turner. As Agent-General he has brought to bear upon the discharge of his duties a love for the Province and a desire to promote its best interests that are beyond praise.

That his years of retirement may be many and happy is, we are sure, the wish of every person in British Columbia. He takes into private life the highest esteem of the people, whom he has so long and faithfully served, and the consciousness that he has done his duty faithfully and well.

FATHER OF THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. H. E. Young, who has retired from the office of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education, will long be remembered in British Columbia as the father of the University. Few public men in this Province have ever taken so deep and intelligent an interest in educational matters as he. Having himself enjoyed the benefit of a liberal education, his great aim was to place a similar advantage within the reach of others. The plans upon which the University of British Columbia is based, and to which his ability and knowledge greatly contributed, are worthy of this Imperial Province. In the administration of the school system, so far as that work came under his personal supervision, he displayed a high appreciation of what was necessary to place the Province on a level with other countries. Education in British Columbia owes much to the efforts of Dr. Young.

The former Minister remains a member of the Legislative Assembly, in which he represents Atlin. As a private member he will be very useful, his wide knowledge and scholarly attainments being of a high order and practical nature.

THE BANTAM BATTALION

Vancouver wants the Bantam Battalion to be stationed in that city. We are not at all surprised; but we suggest to our friends across the Strait that when they want something they ought to initiate it themselves. "The Bantams" was a Victoria idea, although perhaps it would be strictly accurate if we said an Esquimalt idea. It received its initiative here. It was through the efforts of the people of Victoria and vicinity that it received recognition. Its proper place is here.

We trust that the efforts being made to have the proposed battalion stationed in Vancouver will not be successful. Our neighbors are doing everything in their power to accomplish their desire in this respect, and if Victorians can do anything to offset the effort, there ought to be no delay.

THE WAR

This is the 503rd day of the war.

The situation in Greece seems to be developing along lines favorable to the Allies. Eastern Greek Macedonia has been given over to them, according to unofficial dispatches, which are fully borne out by reported events. The reported discontinuance of pressure on Greece in the way of restrictions to her commerce would logically be the case if a satisfactory agreement had been reached with the Allies. By the arrangement that seems to have been affected the Allies secure two good seaports on the Aegean and an excellent base for operations against the enemy. Many reinforcements are being sent to this base and an abundance of munitions of war. An unofficial statement is to the effect that Italy has landed troops in Albania to assist the Serbians. If this is correct, the Teutonic-Hungarian forces will be attacked from two sides. As far as can be judged from the facts at our command, the situation seems to be favorable to our arms and those of our Allies. If as good an arrangement can be effected with Roumania, the whole complexion of affairs in the Balkans will be changed. The elections in Greece will be held on Sunday, but we do not anticipate that the result will materially alter the situation.

There was no news of importance from any of the other theatres of war yesterday.

THE LUMBER TRADE

The condition of the lumber business in the Pacific Northwest is shown in a general way by the circular issued by the Pacific Lumber Inspection Bureau, with headquarters at Seattle, giving a statement of the mills in operation and those closed in British Columbia and the States of Washington and Oregon. The list is of "cargo" mills. These number 146, and of them 23 are in this Province. One hundred of the mills are working, 82 on full time and 18 on reduced time. Of the British Columbia mills 10 are working on full time and 6 on reduced time.

The Timberman, of Portland, in its Circular of December 11 says that orders have been placed by the Governments of the Allies for 200,000,000 feet of yellow pine, and that inquiries are being made for large quantities of lumber to be delivered in Belgium after peace has been proclaimed. The Timberman thinks that the demand for yellow pine must strengthen the position of our Coast timber. Prices are being advanced in Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon and in the Willamette Valley.

At present the blocking of the Panama Canal is greatly handicapping the Coast mills so far as European orders are concerned. Doubtless if the slide had not occurred, a considerable portion of the 200,000,000 order mentioned would have been placed in British Columbia. In view of what is said about orders for Belgium the early restoration of traffic on the Canal becomes of very great importance to this part of the Continent.

TRAIN'S PROPHECY

George Francis Train, that eccentric philosopher, citizen of the world, and exceptionally interesting person, who not many years ago was prominent in the public eye, wrote a book entitled, "Round the World." It was issued in 1889. The following paragraph is taken from it:

"All right," said Train (talking to a German correspondent of paper), "But I am aware that the young Kaiser has fooled his grandmother and England and all the World, but George Francis Train. They say Bismarck has resigned, has refused a dukedom, and all that sort of thing. Why should not a Prince refuse a dukedom? It is all a blind. Kaiser William is another Cromwell and Alexander combined; he is the Lord Clive of Africa; a boy, sickly, lame, undiscovered, until this time; but he has his hand upon the throat of Africa. I see it all. A million troops against Aldershot; two million women in the fields digging potatoes to feed them."

This is certainly very interesting. Mr. Train certainly saw further into the mind of the Kaiser than most people at that time. He was astray in thinking that the Kaiser had his hand on the throat of Africa, but the famous Kruger telegram shows that he was trying to get it there. The two million men who were to go against Aldershot are busy elsewhere, and will doubtless remain on their own side of the water. But the potato part of the forecast is certainly very interesting. The whole paragraph shows that Mr. Train, who the great majority of people thought was crazy, had a remarkable insight into things.

AN UNENVIABLE POSITION

With Henry Ford arrogating to himself sovereign powers and setting out from the United States to negotiate a peace; with Mr. Bryan prating about peace whenever he gets a chance; with the representative of foreign governments stirring up strife and destroying property; with the German press vilifying all things American, and a hyphenated American press stirring up strife at home; with the ghosts of little children drowned by German and Austrian pirates always in evidence, the position of the United States is not a happy one.

"We do not know how seriously Austria will take the threat of the United States to sever diplomatic relations," is what a Berlin paper says. As the days pass, evidence accumulates that Austria proposes to treat it with silent contempt. The American people have always been a proud people. They have called their flag "Old Glory," and yet the Ancona was sunk while an American citizen stood waving that flag from its deck. Another Berlin paper says all the American people care about is money. Hard things are these for a proud people to read.

And yet we can appreciate the position of President Wilson and the earnestness of his desire to avoid hostilities. His task is one of supreme difficulty. He cannot of his own motion declare war. He may create conditions out of which war is the only possible course short of national humiliation; but the actual declaration must be the act of Congress. He may break off diplomatic relations with another country, but that is not a declaration of war. President Wilson realizes fully that his country is not ready for a war, and he must feel the humiliation of the position in which a Congress, with a paltry appreciation of national responsibilities, has placed the country. We have no words of censure for him. He is doubtless doing the best he can under the exceedingly difficult conditions from which he suffers.

We have a letter, addressed, apparently, to Mrs. R. D. Rorison, 2818 Pandora Avenue, Victoria. It was missent to Vancouver, and has been forwarded to us with the request that we shall find the owner. It was delivered to Mrs. R. D. Rorison, of Vancouver. The letter is from the addressee's brother, Pte. Davie McQueen. We do not find in the directory any name we can identify with the address, and there does not appear to be any such number as 2818 Pandora. The letter is in The Colonist editorial rooms, where the person for whom it is intended can get it.

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Melon and Orange Jam, 2-lb. tin	25¢	Popham's Ideal Soda Biscuits, per tin	25¢
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FIGHT WITH ARABS

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CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 15.—The following official communication was issued today:

"The force under Col. Gordon, operating o nthe thirteenth, twenty-four miles westward of Matrup, Arabia, encountered a hostile Arab force, estimated at 1,200, with guns and machine guns, under Gaafai Pasha. The enemy attacked vigorously, but were driven back with heavy losses. At daybreak the British were obliged to withdraw to their camp, which was reached after dark. Col. Gordon's force returned to Matrup on the 14th.

"Col. Gordon is unable to estimate the loss inflicted on the enemy, but it was considerable. Our casualties were four British and four Indians killed, five British officers and eighteen British of all ranks and fifteen Indians wounded. All the dead and wounded were brought into camp.

"Wounded prisoners say that in the fighting on December 13 the enemy's loss was eighty killed and more than thirty wounded."

To Leave Salonica

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DEFECTS CAUSED BOILER FAILURE

Investigation in Case of Minnesota Fails to Disclose Any Action by German Spies or Mutinous Crew.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—United States inspectors who quizzed officers of the Great Northern steamship Minnesota for five hours today on the vessel, said tonight they were convinced that the failure of the steamer's boilers had not been caused by German spies or mutinous sailors. The exact cause of the continued bursting of the boiler tubes since shortly after the vessel left Seattle on November 14, until it was forced to turn back nearly two weeks ago, was left unsettled tonight, as the temperature of the boilers had not abated sufficiently to permit an interior inspection.

James Guthrie and Joseph P. Dolan, United States inspectors, who conducted today's examination of the vessel's officers, including Captain T. W. Garlick, Alfred Croskey, the first mate; Victor Mankis, second officer; and James R. Meston, chief engineer, said they did not expect to accomplish a careful interior inspection until Thursday. Meanwhile, the investigation by John W. Preston, United States district attorney, on behalf of the Department of Justice, was suspended.

The testimony of all the officers of the vessel examined today, it was said, went to indicate that the boilers failed because of natural mechanical defects. What those defects were, and whether they were present when the Minnesota was cleared from Seattle, it was said, would develop on Friday.

A survey of the damage done to the vessel and delay in cargo delivery was made today to apportion the shares of insurance. Officials of the Great Northern Steamship Company said they were undecided tonight, and would be until a careful inspection was made regarding the discharge of the cargo.

Federal officials declared the Minnesota would not be permitted to leave until she was in seaworthy shape.

It developed today officially that only three of the crew were slightly scalded by bursting tubes.

Japs Star Golfers

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Four Japanese merchants of New York rank among the best golfers enrolled as members of the North Jersey Country Club.

They took up the game about a year ago, and have shown such wonderful skill at it that they are able right now to give a real battle to the best players among the white members of the club.

Had International Repute

LORD ALVERSTONE
Former Lord Chief Justice of England dies at age of 73.

GREAT JURIST PASSES TO REST

Viscount Alverstone, Formerly Lord Chief Justice of England, Dies at Age of 73—Had Remarkable Career.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Viscount Alverstone, former Lord Chief Justice of England, is dead.

Sir Richard Everard Webster, who was created first Baron Alverstone in 1900 and first Viscount Alverstone in 1913, had a notable career, in one part of which Canada took close interest. He was the representative of Great Britain on the tribunal which adjudicated upon the boundary between Canada and Alaska, and his work in that capacity was somewhat freely criticized in the Dominion at the time. He was also connected with the arbitration of the Bering Sea seal dispute in 1893, and with the commission which settled the Venezuela boundary dispute. As a barrister he took part in the trial of many cases of national and international importance.

Lord Alverstone, born in 1842, was the son of Thomas Webster, Q. C., himself a somewhat prominent lawyer, interested chiefly in patent cases. He was educated at King's College School, Charterouse and Trinity College, Cambridge. At the latter he attained the distinctions of Scholar and 35th Wrangler. In 1868 he was called to the bar, joining the Southeastern circuit. As a barrister he quickly earned a high reputation and was retained in many highly important cases. One of the most notable of these was that of Parnell and The London Times, in which the Piggott charges were involved. In this Sir Richard was pitted against Sir Charles Russell, afterwards Lord Russell of Killowen and Lord Chief Justice of England. The contest of the two great lawyers was watched with the keenest interest. Though the case for The Times was soon seen to be hopeless, Sir Richard Webster was given the credit for handling it in a most masterful manner.

In 1885 Sir Richard was appointed Attorney-General by Lord Salisbury and was elected M. P. for Launceston. At the general election in the same year he was elected for the Isle of Wright, holding that seat until 1900. In that year he was appointed Master of the Rolls, and shortly afterwards became Lord Chief Justice in succession to Lord Russell of Killowen. He retired in 1913, and has been in poor health most of the time since then. In 1872 Sir Richard married Elizabeth, daughter of Wm. Calthrop, of Withern, Lincolnshire, who died in 1877. He leaves no heir.

DEFENDED BY MINISTER

Colonel John Currie Much Slandered Man Is Opinion of Major-General Hughes—Conduct of Soldiers

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Gen. Sir Sam Hughes, speaking at a meeting of Ward 4 Conservatives last evening, stated that Col. John Currie, of the 48th (Toronto) Highlanders, was the "best slandered man in Canada." He said:

"At the front Jack Currie stood in the trenches all Thursday, all Thursday night, all Friday and all Friday night and Saturday and returned with seventy men. It ill becomes any craven coward to stay at home and slander a good soldier and man like Jack Currie."

Regarding the morals of the Canadians, he said:

'You could not pick out 8,000 mayors and controllers in Canada who would be better behaved. Do you imagine that 8,000, darling, sweet, loving Women's Christian Temperance Union women would be any better behaved if they were placed similarly?"

Speaking of shell-making, he said that today 850 institutions were making shells or parts of shells in Canada, and 100,000 workmen were employed.

Britain by Spring would have 6,000,000 men and Canada over 300,000.

"I am criticised," he said, "and I thank God for it. Under no circumstances would I have the good opinion of some people in Toronto. I would do something wrong first to have their poor opinion of me."

Elections in Greece

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The Greek parliamentary elections have been fixed for Sunday next, says a Havas dispatch from Salonica today

WAR FINANCING HARD PROBLEM

Prominent Canadian Banker Speaks of Manner in Which Chancellor McKenna Has Faced His Task.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Mr. V. F. Jones, assistant general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, arrived from London last Saturday and has just assumed his new office. Many old friends, including representatives of the large local institutions, called at the bank to bid the new executive officer a welcome home to Toronto, the scene of his earlier banking experience.

"A day or so before I left England I called to pay my respects and to say goodbye to Mr. McKenna," Mr. Jones told one of his visitors, "and no man could be more cheerful, more the master of the situation or more confident of the future. The problems of financing the Quadruple Entente are taxing his ingenuity, but they are not frightening the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr. McKenna was immensely pleased to learn that we will be able to go very far—a longer way, indeed, than we think ourselves—in assisting Great Britain by extending her credits for munition supplies. The credit already arranged, which I learn is represented by the surplus of subscriptions to the war loan, amounts to some $50,000,000, and Mr. McKenna thinks that with out estimated excess of exports over imports of over $200,000,000, Canada will be able to help materially in solving the problem of financing the war.

"There is no minimizing the gravity of the financial situation which faces the Allies at the present time," continued Mr. Jones. "In protecting her gold reserves from the demands of the world, Great Britain, carrying the financial burdens of the Allies, adopted the first logical means at hand by raising the rate of interest and making the bank rate effective, thus inducing neutrals and others to allow their balances to remain in the country. The enormous adverse balance of trade up to the present has been partially met by the sale of securities, the shipping of gold and by the recent loan and credit operations in the United States. Shipments of gold, except when undertaken for account of the treasury, are not encouraged, and the minor obstacles, such as freight and the fact that what is termed the 'sweated' sovereign only is paid out to such exporters, act as deterrents.

"The foreign loans arranged to date will be, of course, of but a transient assistance in the face of Britain's enormous imports, and the next expedient which was being discussed when I left London was an arrangement for the mobilization of foreign securities held in Britain. I see that it is announced; it is estimated that the value of these securities before the war amounted to £4,000,000,000 sterling ($20,000,000,000) and that about £750,000,000 of this amount would be readily realizable

"Earlier in the war the people of Britain were taught that it was a patriotic act to sell their securities, and many of them did," said Mr Jones "The considerable appreciation in market values which has occurred since has not been entirely pleasing to those who accepted this dictum. So the new plan, which, of course, had received no official recognition when I was still in London, provides for the loan of these foreign securitels to the treasury.

"Investors who do this will receive in exchange a certificate of use for the ordinary purposes of collateral and be guaranteed an interest return of one half of one per cent more than the securities are bearing. It is proposed to take over the holdings of those who may later wish to sell at the mean price of the securities on the market on that day. An alternative suggestion is to pay the sellers of the securities in treasury bills. The scheme will probably effect the mobilization of from £150,000,000 to £200,000,000, and, as the New York banks will be quite willing to lend against American securities, it is hoped by these means to raise exchange to the level of the sweated sovereign, say $4.76, when freight and insurance are taken into consideration."

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CHINESE PROTEST

Through Solicitors, They Complain of Lack of Accommodation for Prisoners

Protest against the manner in which the Chinese taken in last Saturday night's raid upon the Oriental Club, Fan Tan Alley, Chinatown, were treated on being locked up at police headquarters has been made to the city by Messrs. Moresby & O'Reilly, solicitors, on behalf of the Chinese. The complaint points to the fact that no adequate provision had been made by the police authorities for the prisoners, who were crowded into the cells and left without means of sitting down and were forced to sleep upon the cement floor without any covering. The protest also refers to the action of the raiding police in taking from the club premises articles such as chairs, a clock, mirror, etc., which, even supposing the place was a gambling resort, were not needed by the police to prove their case.

A slight mix-up occurred in connection with the commitments sent out to the Provincial jail when the ninety prisoners who failed pay the fine levied by the magistrate upon the Chinamen taken in Saturday's raid, were sent to the Wilkinson Road institution. The documents set forth that the prisoners were sentenced to hard labor, though the magistrate's order did not go that far. All the ninety commitments had to be returned to the magistrate yesterday, be corrected by striking out the reference to hard labor, and, after being initialled by Magistrate Jay, were returned to the Warden at the Provincial jail.

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GRIZZLY BEAR RUG RAFFLE IS POPULAR

Magnificent Skin Exhibited in Colonist Window Being Disposed of for Patriotic Aid Society

The magnificent grizzly bear rug displayed in The Colonist window is to be raffled to swell the funds of the Patriotic Aid Society. The specimen was shot in the Babine Lake region by Mr. David Woolsey, of Cedar Hill Road, a hunter and prospector widely known throughout British Columbia. It was one of the largest ever killed in the Province, weighing 2,000 pounds, and the pelt is an unusually fine one, being in prime condition, beautifully mounted and of great size.

The rug has been entrusted by Mrs. Woolsey to Mr. R. M. Byrne, circulation manager of The Colonist, to be raffled, and it is hoped that her gift will realize a considerable sum for the society. The result of the draw will be announced on December 23, in time to make a handsome Christmas contribution to some home in Victoria. Already a large number of tickets have been taken. Purchasers will be conscious of having contributed to a very patriotic work.

West Saanich Women's Institute—The Women's Institute of West Saanich held a largely attended meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Interesting features were, an exhibit of Christmas gifts, the work of members, and the reading of a Christmas story. Mrs. Hutchison addressed the meeting as a candidate for school trustee and was heartily received by the members.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Injured in Collision—In a collision between a Willows street car and the "jitney" motor car operated by Mr. J. H. Smith, the latter was thrown out and badly shaken last night shortly after 11 o'clock at the corner of Fort Street and Leighton Road. He was taken to the Royal Jubilee Hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

Many Congratulations—Sir Richard McBride was kept busy most of the day yesterday in receiving telephone messages from friends in the city who desired to extend congratulations on his having attained his forty-fifth birthday. The mail also brought a number of missives with greetings of a similar character.

Inspecting Local Agencies—Mr. P. Burns, of Calgary, the widely known cattle dealer and meat merchant, is in the city, a guest at the Empress Hotel. Mr. Burns is out at the coast on one of the frequent visits of inspection to his local agencies. He states that there is a marked improvement in business conditions in Western Canada and that the future is bright, because of the immense harvest and the increased production among the farmers.

Sons of England—Juvenile Lodge, Young England, No. 87, has elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Bro. J. Brindley; vice-president, Bro. Thorne; chaplain, Bro. L. E. Howlett; 1st guide, Bro. Blacklock; 2nd guide, Bro. Trowsdale; 3rd guide, Bro. Lofts; 4th guide, Bro. McKiernon; inside guard, Bro. H. Smith; outside guard, Bro. W. J. C. Brown. After January 1, 1916, the meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays, in the A. I. F. Hall, Broad Street.

"Colonials" in Demand—Enormous sales of "Colonials," the latest product of the Colonial Cake Company, of Victoria, to be placed upon the market, are reported from all quarters. The delicious cake, sold in ten varieties, has found ready acceptance by the public, and as all grocery stores are handling the product the city sales are daily increasing and the company's local staff are working at high pressure to fill the demand. All storekeepers and grocers in the interior towns of the Island have also placed orders with the Victoria house of the company at 819 Fort Street.

Food Products Committee—The date of the next meeting of the Board of Trade's special committee on domestic food products has been set for next Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, when a general consultation will take place on the plans to be adopted at the beginning of the year for organizing the agricultural interests of the Island in the endeavor to obtain increased production and better prices for the local farmer. The committee has been considerably enlarged since the last meeting, and representatives of all agricultural associations on the Island, besides various merchants' exchanges and unions, are included on the membership.

Standardising Education—Following the interprovincial conference held at the Parliament buildings between representatives of the Governments of British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, a committee was named to take up the question of the standardization of school books and the curriculum of normal schools in the Western Provinces. The personnel of the committee is as follows: Dr. Alex Robinson, superintendent of education, British Columbia, chairman; Mr. John Ross, chief inspector of schools in Alberta; Mr. J. McCall, of Saskatchewan; and another, yet to be named, to represent Manitoba.

Telegraph Company and Employees—The Western Union Telegraph Company, with which is affiliated the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company of Canada, announces that, effective on January 1, 1916, all employees who have been two years or longer in the service, will receive two weeks' vacation each year with full pay. Employees who shall have been less than two years but more than one year in the service, will receive one week's vacation with pay. This provision, looking to the welfare of their employees, is along the line of the company's previously announced policy, which now includes sick benefits, life and accident insurance, pensioning of aged employees, and annual vacations with pay. There are no assessments or deductions from salaries in connection with these benefits; the provisions being wholly gratuitous on the part of the company.

Another Charge—Yesterday Frank Clayton, who represented himself as a soldier returned from the front, appeared before the police magistrate again. He was accused of obtaining goods by false pretences. The testimony was to the effect that he had gone to a grocery store, had told the proprietor that he was an invalided soldier, and had asked for goods. He was informed that, if an order was produced, he would be given them. What purported to be an order was shown. The articles were wrapped up and he tendered a cheque in payment. He took some of them and $2.50 in change. He showed the groceryman some marks, which he claimed were the scars of wounds inflicted by shrapnel. The merchant became suspicious and informed the police, the accused later being apprehended. A bank official testified that the cheque produced was worthless. Clayton was committed for trial.

Donations to Esquimalt Home—The Military Convalescent Home at Esquimalt acknowledges with sincere thanks the following donations: Miss Mab Pemberton, face cloths; Mrs. T. Dee, pickles; Mr. T. Dee, one box oranges; Master Leslie Wolfenden and Master Jimmie Wolfenden, box of novels and magazines; Mr. Prinz, periodicals and magazines; Miss Carson, Christmas cakes; officers' mess, Work Point Barracks, cigarettes; Mr. Kroger, magazines and papers; Mrs. R. H. Pooley, tobacco; garrison sergeants' mess, Work Point Barracks, cigarettes; Mrs. McLellan, magazines; Miss Troup, magazines; Mrs. McDonald, chickens and kitchen towels; domestic science class, Lampson Street School, six Christmas cakes; Mrs. Walter Burton, bulbs; Mrs. Monty Gosnell, bulbs and flowers; Mr. P. Johnston, box of oranges; Mrs. Leigh, magazines; patrons of the Beaumont Grocery, cake, cigarettes, Oxo cubes, etc.; Mrs. Leigh, sack rolled oats and cake; Mrs. Henry Croft, magazines, Mrs. F. S. Barnard, flowers, cigarettes and sweets; Mrs. Hugo Beaven, magazines; Mrs. H. Carry, Vancouver, cigarettes; Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, flowers and cigarettes; Mrs. Neave, magazines; Mrs. Herbert Kent, cigarettes.

COMING EVENTS

Dr. Young to Speak—Dr. H. E. Young will give an address at the opening of the French Red Cross tea at the Oak Bay Hotel on Saturday afternoon.

School Entertainment—Tonight at 8 o'clock Kingston Street School is giving its concert in aid of the Red Cross Society at South Park School, when a large attendance is expected.

Rummage Sale—The Fairfield Methodist Ladies' Aid is holding a rummage sale in the Scott Block, Douglas Street, this afternoon. The sale begins at 1 o'clock. A large assortment of goods will be on hand.

Pythian Sisters—The Pythian Sisters will hold a whist drive on Monday, December 20, at the K. of P. Hall. The meeting night has been changed to Monday instead of Tuesday.

Camosun Chapter, I. O. D. E.—An urgent meeting of the Camosun Chapter, I. O. D. E., will be held at the headquarters, Fort Street, at 11 a. m. tomorrow.

Prohibition Meeting—A meeting of residents of the Saanich district interested in the prohibition movement will be held at St. Mark's Hall, Boleskin Road, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The intention is to establish an organization to take part in the campaign. There will be a number of Victoria speakers present.

Model School Closing—The Christmas closing exercises of the Model School in connection with the Provincial Normal School will be held tomorrow afternoon at the Normal School commencing at 1:45 o'clock. A programme is being prepared by the children. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

For the Red Cross—The hand-worked tea cloth which St. Jude's Mission is selling for the funds of the Red Cross is now at the Empress Hotel, where tickets may be had at a price of 25 cents each. The cloth will be drawn for next Saturday at noon, at the Red Cross headquarters, Temple Building, by Mrs. Fleming. The result of the drawing will be announced in Sunday's Colonist and Monday's Times.

British Campaigners' Association—The regular monthly meeting of the British Campaigners' Association will be held in the A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street, at 8 p. m. today. It is important that as many of the returned N. C. O.'s and men from the front should be present, as matters of importance will be discussed, and any complaints of the returned men can be taken and forwarded to the proper authorities. The question of a returned soldiers' and sailors' club, which was taken up at the last meeting, will be reported upon.

Lady Franklin Chapter, I. O. D. E.—The Lady Franklin Chapter of the I. O. D. E. held a very successful Christmas tree, combined with a fancy stall, candy stall and ice cream bower, at the Mahon Hall, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, on Saturday last. A great many of the toys were home-made and reflected great credit on the makers. They comprised wooden engines, gollywogs, hobby horses, dolls, stuffed elephants and rabbits, sailing boats, dreadnoughts and mechanical toys. Tea was served during the afternoon, and each child received a present. The ladies assisting wore fancy dress, which greatly added to the attractiveness of the scene. The sum of $70 was cleared and will be devoted to Red Cross Funds.

CYCLISTS LEAVE

Overseas Detachment Goes to Training Quarters in Eastern Canada Under Command of Lieut. Sellers

Another cyclists' platoon, mobilized at Work Point, left last night for Vancouver en route to Eastern Canada. Its strength was thirty, and Lieut. Sellers, formerly of the B. C. Horse, is in command. The detachment was mustered in the course of a few weeks, and for some time has been quartered at the Drill Hall awaiting orders to move. Lieut. Sellers and his men will take the place of the first platoon formed here under Lieut. Cameron, which has been in training near Toronto, Ont., for several months.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 15, 1915.

SYNOPSIS

The barometer is falling on the Coast in advance of an ocean storm area, which will cause southerly gales there and probably on the Straits and Sound. Snow is reported in Cariboo, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria, B. C.	34	45
Vancouver, B. C.	36	38
Kamloops, B. C.	24	32
Barkerville, B. C.	16	22
Prince Rupert, B. C.	34	38
Atlin, B. C.	2	24
Dawson, Y. T.	—30	—20
Calgary, Alta.	8	24
Winnipeg, Man.	0	18
Portland, Ore.	38	48
San Francisco, Cal.	46	58
Port Arthur, Ont.	— 2	20
Penticton, B. C.	26	34
Nelson, B. C.	24	31
Cranbrook, B. C.	15	28
Toronto, Ont.	11	31
Ottawa, Ont.	4	24
Montreal, P. Q.	6	41
St. John, N. B.	18	30
Halifax, N. S.	28	40

WEDNESDAY

Highest	45
Lowest	34
Average	39
Minimum on grass	25
Maximum in sun	82

Bright sunshine, 5 hours 12 minutes.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Victoria Observatory, December 8 to 14, 1915.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 17 hours and 42 minutes; rain, .64 inch; highest temperature, 49 on 9th and 13th; lowest, 34 on 14th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 9 hours and 30 minutes; rain, 2.60 inches; highest temperature, 51 on 12th; lowest, 35 on 10th and 14th.

Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 10 hours and 30 minutes; rain, 1.71 inches; highest temperature, 47 on 12th; lowest, 32 on 5th.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 9 hours and 6 minutes; rain, .04 inch; snow, 1.14 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 8th; lowest, 24 on 11th, 12th and 14th.

New Westminster—Rain, 2.38 inches; highest temperature, 47 on 8th; lowest, 32 on 10th.

Penticton—Precipitation, .02 inch; highest temperature, 44 on 9th; lowest, 26 on 13th and 14th.

Nelson—Precipitation, .55 inch; highest temperature, 41 on 9th; lowest, 21 on 10th and 11th.

Cranbrook—Snow, 7.00 inches; highest temperature, 41 on 9th; lowest, 5 above zero on 12th.

Barkerville—Snow, 9.20 inches; highest temperature, 29 on 8th, 9th, 12th and 13th; lowest, 2 below zero on 10th.

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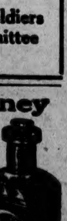

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Committee of Investigation on Workmen's Compensation Laws, appointed by the Government of British Columbia, will hold a final public meeting at the Court House, Vancouver beginning on Thursday, December 16th, at 11 o'clock a.m., and continuing on following days, for the purpose of hearing all parties interested who desire to attend or be represented at such meeting.

In order to facilitate arrangements for the meeting, employers' associations, labor organizations, and other parties intending to be present or represented by solicitor are requested to notify the Committee by letter addressed to the Chairman at Parliament Buildings, Victoria.

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SHOULD MAKE START ON CAR-FERRY SLIP

Board of Trade Will Urge Hon. Robert Rogers to Hasten Construction of Project at Ocean Docks.

The harbors and navigation committee of the Board of Trade met yesterday afternoon with a deputation from the Victoria and Island Development Association for the purpose of reviewing the situation in connection with the proposed construction of car-ferry slips at the Ocean Docks.

In the original plans of the port development prepared by Mr. Louis Coste, in 1912, and in the amended plan prepared by the chief engineer of the Department of Public Works, at Ottawa, a car-ferry slip is provided in connection with the railway trackage on the land adjoining and on the docks now under construction near Ogden Point. It is maintained that work on the project should be hastened. As a result of yesterday's proceedings, the Board of Trade will bring matters to the attention of Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, and point out the necessity of the early construction of the slip.

Those present at the meeting were: Col. the Hon. E. G. Prior, president; Mr. C. H. Lugrin, vice-president; Mr. F. A. Pauline, chairman of the committee; Mr. Beaumont Boggs, of the Board of Trade. Commissioner Herbert Cuthbert, Alderman Sargent, R. W. Douglas and C. G. French, of the association.

PILOTAGE AUTHORITY CONTRIBUTES TO FUND

Eleven Per Cent of Gross Earnings for 1916 Will Be Devoted to Dependents of Men at Front.

The Patriotic Aid Fund received a notable addition yesterday, when assurances of a contribution which will net the fund $2,000 during the coming year were received from the Victoria & Esquimalt Pilotage Authority, through Mr. J. Kingham, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Kingham wrote to the effect that at a meeting of the commissioners, an agreement with the pilots was reached whereunder the commissioners will pay to the fund 11 per cent of the gross earnings of the authority annually, and that this contribution should net the fund in 1916 approximately $2,000. The first cheque will be payable on February 5 next for the January earnings, and thereafter, on the 5th of each month cheques will be forthcoming.

The generous action of the Pilotage Authority was gladly welcomed at the headquarters of the campaign committee. It will mean a very substantial lift towards the object aimed at—the collection of $200,000 as Victoria's share of the nation-wide campaign in aid of the dependents of the men doing such noble work at the front.

Mr. D'Arcy Tate sent the Society a cheque for $200, and the staff of E. G. Prior & Company contributed an amount equal to about $550 per year. A great many other contributions were received, and are being tabulated as rapidly as possible. The committee expects to be able by Saturday night to have a fair estimate of the amounts subscribed up to that date.

The Daughters of the Empire are arranging for a "Tag Day," in aid of the Patriotic Fund, to take place on Tuesday, December 21. It is understood that Col. Ogilvie, D. O. C., will hold an inspection of the different troops at that time, details of which will be announced later.

The committee has been asked to make a correction in connection with the Patriotic concert on Monday night. It was stated in the press that the guard of honor for the Lieutenant-Governor was supplied from the 11th C. M. R. It should have been stated that the guard was supplied from the Western Scots, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, and was made up of picked men under drill inspector Sgt. Burton. The committee desires to thank the theatrical stage employees, who contributed their services free of charge for the evening. The list of additional contributions follows:

Subscriptions up to $2,000—The Victoria & Esquimalt Pilotage Authority.

Subscriptions up to $200—Mr. F. Moore, $200; Mr. D'Arcy Tate, $200.

Subscriptions up to $50—Miss A. Saunders, $50; Mrs. E. G. Lyche, $15; James Maynard, $10; J. M. Hedley, $10; T. Cairns, $25; W. F. Fullerton, $20.

"CREO" AT PANTAGES IS REAL MYSTERY ACT

With Other Big Features Make Up a Great Bill of Vaudeville—"Colonial Days"

For a real mystery turn "Creo" at Pantages this week would take some beating, and there will be many people in Victoria this week wondering how the illusion is brought about, and a living woman brought to life, seemingly, from an ordinary plaster of Paris bust.

Here is what is done: Mr. Bolke and his assistant, a good-looking girl, tack down upon the floor a large square piece of canvas with a small circular hole in the centre. Upon this they place a round, low, plush-covered platform, which supports a tripod of, say, five feet in height, somewhat like the kind used by photographers.

Topping the tripod is a small square disc. Upon this Mr. Bolke puts the plaster-of-paris bust, which he then proceeds to paint until it assumes the appearance of the well-made-up face of a woman. Then he and the assistant drape the tripod with a large lavender-colored robe. The platform is turned around, giving the spectator a view of the draped figure from all sides, and, to afford the most captious persons in the audience no opportunity to criticize the act as in any way unfair, Mr. Bolke removes the drapery and shows that as yet there is no other support for the head than the three bare, thin sticks of the tripod; and then the drapery is again put about the tripod and a large wig is put upon the head. In adjusting the hair part of it is allowed to cover the bust's face. When the hair is brushed back from the face the lips are seen to part in a smile, and, presently, casting aside the robe, a handsome young woman steps from the pedestal and addresses the audience, and, wonder of wonders, the tripod as well as the plaster-of-paris head have disappeared.

There is a fine bill at Pantages, and the feature turn, "Colonial Days," is one of the finest and most expensive acts on the circuit. Also there is some splendid comedy and dancing, and altogether a great show.

LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB

Unusually Good Programme Arranged for Concert Tonight at Empress Hotel

The following is the programme for the Victoria Ladies' Musical Club's concert at the ballroom of Empress Hotel today at 8:30 p.m.:

Club Motto.

Orchestra (Empress Hotel)...Beethoven

"There Were Shepherds"......F. Lynes
Ladies' Choral.

Vocal Solo—"Somewhere a Voice Is Calling" ....Tate
Mr. D. C. Hughes.

Violin Solo—Selected ....
Mr. Jasper Sutcliffe.

"The Sailors' Christmas"....Chaminade
Ladies' Choral (soloist, Miss Peggy Pearce).

Piano Solo—"Sonata Op. 57." (1) Allegra Assai. (2) Andante Con Moto (3) Allegro-Presto ....Beethoven
Miss Heming.

Vocal Solo—"The Last Watch"..Pinsuti
Mr. D. C. Hughes.

Violin Solo—Selected ....
Mr. Jasper Sutcliffe.

"The Lost Chord".Sullivan and Bartlett
Ladies' Choral (soloist, Mrs. R. Bennett).

"God Save the King."
Women's National Anthem.

Hon. conductor, Mrs. Davenport. Accompanists, Mrs. A. J. Gibson and Miss Rita McTavish. Organist, Mr. Parsons. Soldiers and sailors will be welcomed this evening as guests of the club. The general public will be admitted for the small fee of 25c.

APPEAL FOR TOYS

In order to make Christmas as happy as possible for the children of Victoria soldiers who are serving King and Country, the Women's Canadian Club is holding a Christmas tree and entertainment at the High School gymnasium next Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, and it is hoped that every one of the 1,200 children, who are expected to attend, can be presented with a toy.

In order that no difficulty may be experienced in finding sufficient gifts to go round, the Women's Canadian Club makes an appeal to the Victoria public to donate what they can, either in the shape of toys or cash.

A large quantity of supplies has already been gratefully received by the committee in charge of the entertainment, but a great many more will be needed, and it is confidently anticipated that there will be a whole-hearted response to the appeal.

All donations should be sent in as soon as possible either ot the High School, Camosun Street entrance, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the day, or to Campbell's drug Store, corner of Fort and Douglas streets. Gifts should be suitable for very young children, and should be designated as to whether they are meant for girl or boy, and of what age, or for children over ten years of age.

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The following employes have organized to make monthly contributions to the Patriotic Fund:

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Crew of SS. Adelaide.
Crew of SS. Victoria.
Crew of SS. Restless.

ORDERS SUSPENSION OF HOTEL LICENCE

Commissioners Discipline Proprietor of Queen's After Hearing the Complaints of Inspectors.

Suspension of the licence of the Queen's Hotel, corner of Store and Johnson Streets, was ordered by the Board of Licensing Commissioners yesterday afternoon, after hearing complaints made by the licence inspectors of certain incidents which recently occurred on the premises. The suspension will continue from this morning until the end of the present year. The inspectors' evidence related to the conduct of women and men. The explanation of the proprietor, Mr. L. Smith, was not considered satisfactory by the Board, which held that apparently Mr. Smith was not exercising that supervision over his premises that his position of licensee called for.

Lengthy consideration took place on the case of the Wilson Hotel, Yates Street, arising out of complaints made by Rev. Mr. McKeown, who asserted be was acting in his capacity as a citizen, and who submitted a transcript of the strictures made by Mr. Justice Clements in the recent hearing of the stabbing case which occurred in the restaurant of the hotel some months ago. Rev. Mr. McKeown urged that the commissioners could not but pay heed to the remarks made by his lordship, who had scored the premises and indicated that, in his belief, the place was a resort for disreputable characters.

The matter was considered by the commission a week ago, but adjourned to permit of the evidence in the case being looked over. The police court testimony, the mayor pointed out, did not show that his lordship's strictures were warranted, but Rev. Mr. McKeown urged that a transcript of the evidence taken before the higher court presided over by Mr. Justice Clements be secured.

Defends Conduct of Hotel

Mr. E. McAvoy, proprietor of the premises, emphatically denied that his house had been run in any but the proper manner, claimed he could not be held responsible because a man with a grudge against another chose to follow the latter into the Wilson Hotel to seek revenge, and asserted that the woman in the case had been warned off the premises long before the stabbing affray occurred. Mr. McAvoy referred to certain remarks which the same judge had once made relative to Rev. Mr. McKeown's status in a case, and he inquired if Mr. McKeown would admit that his lordship's remarks were any more entitled to consideration in that case than in the one involving the Wilson Hotel.

The report of the licence inspectors, Messrs. Hatcher and Gregg, was commendatory of the manner in which the Wilson Hotel was, and is being conducted.

The persistent claim of Rev. Mr. McKeown that further investigation should be made before the Board granted a renewal of the hotel licence was acceded to and the Board's action was delayed until its next meeting.

The conviction against the Grand Pacific Hotel, a case of an inebriated man being supplied with liquor, was reported to the Board and a warning was given to the proprietor. A conviction against the recent proprietor of the Ritz Hotel, who was fined for giving some friends a drink after closing hours, was also dealt with and the transfer from Messrs. Fortin Bros., to Mr. A. Robertson, was authorized, it being stated by solicitor for the applicant that the Fortins possessed no interest in the hotel.

GOOD RESPONSE TO APPEAL OF 103RD

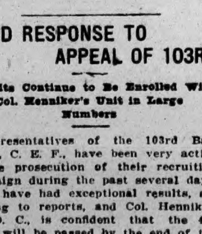
Recruits Continue to Be Enrolled With Col. Henniker's Unit in Large Numbers

Representatives of the 103rd Battalion, C. E. F., have been very active in the prosecution of their recruiting campaign during the past several days. They have had exceptional results, according to reports, and Col. Henniker, the O. C., is confident that the 400 mark will be passed by the end of the week.

Not only are many being signed on at the new quarters, Fort Street, where the lowest number enrolled thus far in a day has been sixteen, but the efforts made to secure men out of town are meeting with success. It is stated that a party of twenty odd may be looked for from Nanaimo and vicinity after the holidays. From Duncan, too, there will be more volunteers, while the battalion's representatives at the Central station, Vancouver, are doing well.

Col. Henniker stated yesterday that he was completely satisfied with the response. There was no rush, but if the steady stream of applications continued as at present it would not be many weeks before the unit reached full strength.

The men are not yet completely settled at the new Drill Hall, but they are said to be very comfortable. Daily drills are being carried out on the Central Park grounds, which have been found in every respect suitable for the form of instruction given up to the present.



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CASUALTIES CONTAIN NAMES IN 2ND C.M.R.

Lieut. R. S. Worsley, Corpl. Robert Lees and Ptes. W. Tyler and W. Flowers Are Among Those Wounded.

Last night's casualty list contained the names of four members of the 2nd C.M.R.'s who have been wounded in the recent fighting. Lieut. R. S. Worsley, who is described as slightly wounded, was previous to entering military life a civil engineer. He was born in Lancashire in 1885 and is single. He came here from the Interior at the time the 2nd C.M.R. was being mobilized and had previously served three years with the B. C. Horse. For two years he had been with the D.C.O.R. of Vancouver.

Cpl. Robert Lees, who has been wounded, is well known in the city and on the Island, where he resided for a number of years. He is 33 years of age and single. Prior to coming to British Columbia he had served for three years with the 2nd Somerset Light Infantry in his home country, so that he had acquired a taste for military life. Immediately on the outbreak of war he joined the 2nd C.M.R., or the B. C. Horse, as it was at that time known. He was employed for some years as a salesman with the Brackman-Ker Milling Company. A member of the J.B.A.A., he had on a number of occasions rowed in the crews of that club and is an expert oarsman. Before settling down at Victoria he spent some time at Alberni and other points of the Island.

Pte. Wilfrid Tyler, also reported wounded, prior to enlisting, was a rancher. He was a member of the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders, Vancouver, before joining the 2nd C.M.R. He is 22 and single.

Pte. W. Flowers, as the name appears on the casualty lists, probably refers to Pte. W. H. F. Flowers, who left here with the 2nd C.M.R. He is reported wounded. Pte. Flowers had been a rancher before enlisting, soon after the outbreak of war. He is 24 years old and single, and prior to coming to Canada from England had spent three years in the Officers' Training Corps.

ARE WARNED AGAINST FALSE COLLECTORS

Public Should Make Sure That Holly Cutters Are Canvassing for Red Cross Before Contributing

It has been brought to the notice of the local branch of the Red Cross Society that certain individuals have been canvassing the city for holly recently, under the pretence that they are doing so for the benefit and under the authority of the Red Cross.

In at least one instance, the canvasser has made false representation, and the public is, therefore, warned to make certain whether the collectors of holly are working under Red Cross auspices or not. Only two men, Messrs. Bennett and Gardiner, are at present employed by the Red Cross Society for collecting holly, and the B. C. Holly Export Company, which is handling the shipments for the Red Cross, does not send collectors; so that anyone besides the two men named should be refused.

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Honorary Auctioneers:
F. W. Jones, Esq., and Henry Pearce, Esq.

On Friday, the 17th of December, there will be a special sale of jewelry, plated goods, etc., suitable for Christmas presents.

Holly was received at the depot, 755 View Street, yesterday, in increased quantity, and a considerable amount was dispatched.

WOUNDED A THIRD TIME

Pte. Percival Kirby, of the 16th Battalion, is reported to have been wounded for the third time. He left here with the 30th Battalion and is the son of Mr. S. Kirby, of 1214 Gladstone Avenue. According to information received yesterday, Pte. Kirby is suffering from shell fire and was admitted to No. 1 Canadian Field Ambulance Hospital on December 1.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Mr. John Geldard, for many years an employee of the B. C. Electric Railway and well known throughout Victoria, passed away last evening at the Royal Jubilee Hospital. The deceased gentleman, who resided on 1621 Quadra Street, was a member of the Masonic Order and the Knights of Pythias. He is survived by, besides his widow, three sons, William and Fred. of this city, and Jack, who is now on active service, also one daughter, Margaret, of this city. The remains are now reposing at the Sands Funeral chapel pending burial, arrangements for which have not yet been completed.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BIRTHS

POWELL—At 3101 Washington Avenue, on the 15th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Powell, a son.

MARRIAGES

TOPHAM-BLAKE—At Victoria, Vancouver Island, on Wednesday, December 15, 1915, Miss Mabel Hilda Blake was united in marriage to Mr. George H. Topham.

DEATHS

REVELY—At Vancouver, B. C., on the 15th inst., Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of the late Charles Gowen and relict of the late Captain Revely, all of this city. Hedley Gazette please copy.

WICKENS—On December 13th, 1915, Prof. Edward George Wickens, aged 57 years. Born at London, England.

The funeral will take place from the B. C. Funeral Chapel on Thursday, December 16th, at 2 p.m., where service will be held. The funeral will be under the auspices of Masonic Lodge Victoria-Columbia, No. 1, whose members in good standing are requested to meet at the Temple Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Members of other lodges and visiting Brethren are invited to attend. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery.

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In Women's Realm

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LADY HELEN GROSVENOR

Mutability

From low to high doth dissolution climb,
And sink from high to low, along a scale
Of awful notes, whose concord shall not fail;
A musical but melancholy chime,
Which they can hear who meddle not with crime,
Nor avarice, nor over-anxious care.
Truth fails not; but her outward forms that bear
The longest date do melt like frothy rime,
That in the morning whitened hill and plain
And is no more; drop like the tower sublime
Of yesterday, which royally did wear
His crown of weeds, but could not even sustain,
Some casual shout that broke the silent air,
Or the unimaginable touch of Time.
—Wordsworth.

A Lovely Woman

Lady Helen Grosvenor is to be married soon, if the wedding has not already taken place, to Lord Henry Seymour, an officer in the Grenadier Guards and the eldest brother of the Marquis of Hertford.

One of the most beautiful of the daughters of the English aristocracy, Lady Helen is said to be loved by all who know her. She is a daughter of the Duchess of Westminster and sister of the Countess of Erne. It is eleven years since her father, whose favorite she was, died, and ever since the young lady has been a blessing and a comfort to her widowed mother and her sister.

Her life has been a happy one, for her sympathies have been wide. She has often been bridesmaid for her friends and shared in the merrymakings of her circle. It was Lady Helen who helped to nurse her sister, Lady Erne, back to health after her terrible accident, and she has been her best comforter in her present sorrow.

Like English girls generally, she loves an outdoor life. She is a splendid horsewoman and was not afraid to go up in an aeroplane with her brother, who is in that branch of the service.

Capt. Seymour is a veteran of the South African war and is heir presumptive to his brother, the Marquis of Hertford. His father, who died about five years ago, was A.D.C. to King Edward and afterwards to King George. His younger brothers are fighting for their country and a cousin has lately been killed at the Dardanelles.

Though the wedding will be quiet and separation may soon follow, the couple will have the best wishes of friends and relatives, who make a goodly company.

The Lady's Pictorial, from which the facts above noted are taken, says, "The traditions of both families for pluck, patriotism and good looks are splendid.

Little Comforts

Nothing, it is said, tends more to the recovery of wounded soldiers than the visits of the little children. In some of the hospitals the surgical ward for babies is near the military wards, and the little ones who are well enough are allowed to come in to see the soldiers. They soon become great pets and the affection promotes the recovery of the patients, big and little.

Mrs. Felton

It is a little more than a year since the last squadron of the German fleet that ventured on the high seas was destroyed by Admiral Sturdee. A woman gave information that led to this victory and she and her descendants will have a visible reminder of the day in a silver salver sent her by Mr. L. Harcourt, Colonial Secretary, on behalf of the Admiralty. Her servants received a silver teapot. The story of the morning of September 8, in the home of the Feltons, and of Mrs. Felton's part, is told in an Australian paper of recent date. Had there been more dangerous work to do, there can be no doubt that the ready-witted lady would have proved a heroine.

Mr. Felton, who is manager of a large sheep farm on the islands, was away from home in another part of the island when the British squadron, under Sir Frederick Sturdee, arrived in search of the German squadron, which was then known to be in the South American seas. His wife was left in the house with a female servant and a house-boy, and on December 8, prior to the battle, Mrs. Felton was informed that German ships had appeared in the vicinity. Fitzroy is some distance away, and Mrs. Felton at once sent the maidservant and the boy on horseback to the top of a ridge to see if they could see anything.

"They came flying back," so she writes, "to say that there were two boats and an auxiliary cruiser south-west of East Island. I immediately rang up the local War Office," the lady proceeds, "and then sent the girl back with the boy to the ridge, giving her a notebook and pencil, and telling her to keep me informed of what was happening. They did so, and remaining by the telephone myself during the whole of the time I was able to keep the Governor informed of all that was moving. The information was also conveyed to Admiral Sturdee.

"I was fearfully afraid and a little bit excited at the thought that the Germans were really here, but when the Bristol and the Macedonia moved out the German ships at once took to their heels. We could see nothing of the fight, but could hear the guns quite plainly, it being like a continual peal of thunder, the houses seeming to shake. We can never be thankful enough that our fleet was here in time. If the Germans had taken the place it would have taken England months to regain it."

Work for the Blind

Sir Frederick Fraser, superintendent of the Halifax institution for the blind, is, after forty years of service, as enthusiastic as ever.

A letter has been received by his sister, Mrs. Wilkins, of this city, telling her of his appointment on the commission to care for the returned soldiers of the Province of Nova Scotia and to find work for them.

"We have undertaken," Sir Frederick says, "to look after blind soldiers from the Maritime Povinces, but we cannot well make ooom for tnose from other Provinces."

An application had been received for the admission of twenty soldiers who that no effort will be spared to instruct and cheer the men who come to the Halifax institution.

The Royal Red Cross

The nurses who distinguish themselves during wartime will have conferred upon them by His Majesty King George V. the Royal Red Cross.

The decoration consists of two classes, of which the following description is officially given:

The First Class is to consist of a cross, enamelled red, edged with gold, with the words, Faith, Hope and Charity on the arms. In the centre is the Royal and Imperial effigy, and on the reverse the Royal and Imperial Cipher and Crown in the centre.

The Second Class is to consist of a cross of the same form and size as the First Class, but of frosted silver, with a Maltese Cross enamelled in red, superimposed.

Recipients of the First Class shall be designated Members of the Royal Red Cross and shall be entitled to the letters R.R.C. after their names; recipients of the second class shall be known as Associates of the Royal Red Cross, and may use the letters A. R. R. C. Already many nurses have shown great personal bravery and others unusual ability in organization. Among the latter is Miss MacDonald, who went out with the first Canadian expeditionary force. It is safe to say that all have proved faithful, patient and tender.

A Boer Patriot

Among the women who are serving the Empire is a young lady from South Africa who has been for some time in Canada attending college. She belongs to a Boer family who fought against the British. Now, her brothers are fighting for the cause of freedom, and she has laid aside her studies to work in the arsenal at Woolwich as a supervisor of boys making rifle cartridges. She works in the factory twelve hours a day and spends two and a half hours going and returning from work.

It is not only the hard labor she and her fellow-workers must endure: the danger of Zeppelin raids is constant and the strain on the strongest nerves is great. Yet this girl, whom many Canadians would look upon as a foreigner, is willing to run any risk and make any sacrifice that she and hers may live in freedom under the British flag.

Not Needed

The last Red Cross Bulletin states that there is no need of Canadian women in England to fill clerical and other posts in connection with Red Cross work. Instead, Canadian women of unusual ability are advised that there is plenty of such work to be done in their own country, if they will only take the trouble to make themselves competent.

It should not be necessary to warn any one that it is no kindness to go to the Mother Country at this time unless he or she has been sent for to do some definite work that cannot be done by some one already there. The people of Great Britain need no burdens or anxieties added to those they are so bravely bearing.

Prisoners of War

The prisoners of War Department of the Canadian Red Cross is supplying not only food but clothing. As the cold weather has come this is found to be very necessary. A four-shilling parcel with a shilling's worth of bread from Switzerland is sent out as fast as the funds in hand allow, each week. This is said to be far more satisfactory than the sending of private parcels. It is reported that General Carson has promised a thousand suits of underclothing and two hundred more will be given by friends. The Duchess of Connaught has been sending socks in large numbers to Mrs. Rivers Bulkeley to be sent to the prisoners. Returned prisoners have reported receiving the parcels regularly and expressed their gratitude for them, asking that this branch shall continue to carry on its work.

Of all the branches of Red Cross work none is more necessary than the sending to the prisoners of the food needed to keep them in good health. The poor fellows have enough to bear without suffering from insufficient nourishment. The plenty of most Canadian homes makes it hard for our men to live on the fare of the German peasant, and all reports go to show that the fare of the prisoner of war is far worse.

Soldiers' Children's Treat

The Women's Canadian Club have undertaken to give a Christmas tree and tea to the children of the soldiers, and the president stated that there will be 1,200 children to be provided for.

Perhaps nothing could so vividly bring before the mind the sacrifice that has been made in our city for the cause of the Empire and for humanity than this statement. The total school population of Victoria has not yet reached 6,000. Of course, Mrs. Jenkins has counted babies and all, but even so the proportion is very large.

The desire in this second year of the war to make every little one, whose father is in the ranges of Britain's defenders remember this Christmas season as a happy one is a laudable one and will appeal to the mothers and fathers whose own family circle is unbroken.

The members of the Canadian Club will have much hard work during the coming week, but they will be rewarded by the delight of the children. They will need, too, all the help that can be given in order that every child shall have a suitable present and be provided with a substantial and delicious tea. The Christmas party will be held in the new High School gymnasium and arrangements have been made to receive donations there.

The arrangements for the Christmas tree are in charge of Mrs. Fred. Pemberton, who will spare no pains to make it as beautiful as possible. The enthusiasm shown at Tuesday's meeting is an earnest of success, but the help of all members and friends is needed to secure its fulfilment.

WHAT ONTARIO FOLKS SAY.

Hamilton, Ont.—"This is to state that I have received great benefit from the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Some time ago I was run down and weak, suffered loss of appetite and was miserable. Four bottles of the 'Prescription' cured me up in fine shape; it did wonders for me and I can recommend it very highly to women who are ailing."—MISS MARIE MILLER, 127 Hess St., Hamilton, Ont.

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INDUSTRY SHOULD BE PROFITABLE HERE

Board of Trade Making Investigation With Respect to Establishing Fish Fertilizer Plants on Island

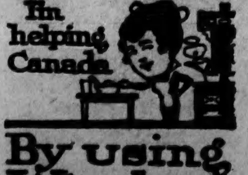
As a result of a meeting held yesterday morning, the manufacturers' committee of the Board of Trade is much encouraged with respect to the outlook of the fish fertilizer industry, which may be developed on Vancouver Island in the near future.

Messrs. A. R. Langley, E. Henshaw, and H. E. Levy were present at the meeting by invitation, these three gentlemen having considerable information in connection with the manufacture of fertilizer to lay before the committee.

From the discussion that took place, it would appear that there is a good demand for all the fertilizer that can be produced and that satisfactory prices are always obtainable.

The committee, before making its report to the council of the board, will make a more exhaustive investigation, and the secretary has been instructed to obtain as much data on the subject as is possible. When sufficient information has been collected, the committee will hold another meeting.

In the event of any one having information likely to be of service, it is asked that the secretary be communicated with, in order that arrangements can be made for attendance at future meetings.



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Business Government

The new Cabinet is essentially a Government of business men. The allotting of the important post of Finance Minister to the Hon. A. C. Flumerfelt is held by those very competent to express a judgment to have been a master stroke on the part of Mr. Bowser, as well as a decided compliment to the capital city of the Province. Mr. Flumerfelt is admittedly one of the leading financiers of the Dominion, and with an actual experience in business dealings of the first magnitude which will pre-eminently fit him for the successful performance of the duties falling to his care as custodian of the financial affairs of the Province. Known as he is to all the large financial magnates on the continent, it is felt that his presence in the Cabinet will be doubly welcomed in those investment and financial circles outside of the Province which have a very direct and vital concern in all matters affecting the welfare of British Columbia, especially at the critical period which now confronts it.

Minister of Mines

In assuming the portfolio of Minister of Mines, the Hon. Lorne Campbell will bring to the execution of his duties a mind especially well fitted for the task, for ever since he took up residence in British Columbia, he has been living in the heart of a mining country, and probably knows as much about the industry as any man in public life in the country today. His position as head of the West Kootenay Power & Light Company, with which he has been identified since its inception, brought him into intimate relation with the mining industry in the Kootenay and Boundary districts, from the circumstance that this project was founded chiefly with the idea of supplying power and light to the numerous mining properties in those districts. It is well known that Mr. Campbell holds some advanced and progressive ideas in respect to what ought to be the policy of the Government in fostering the mining industry; and his tenure of the important portfolio which has been allotted to him will, it is assured, be characterized by an intelligent aggressiveness founded upon an intimate knowledge of what is required to place the industry in the new position rendered imperative by the world-shaking events which have transpired since the outbreak of the war.

Enjoys Public Confidence

In the Hon. Mr. Tisdall, the new incumbent of the portfolio of Minister of Public Works and Railways, the Government has secured the services of a gentleman not alone possessed of much parliamentary experience, but one who enjoys to a marked degree the confidence of the business interests of the Province. Himself a gentleman possessed of large interests in the chief city of the Province, he will bring to the discharge of his duties a mind trained along the best business lines, and inasmuch as many of the more important public works of the Province are of necessity located, or will be located, in the area surrounding the constituency which he represents in the Legislature, it is felt that the Government will be well justified by future events in placing on his shoulders the administration of this important department.

President of Council

In tendering the presidency of the Council to the Hon. William Manson, Mr. Bowser has filled a post which has remained vacant since the elevation to the bench of the former incumbent, the Hon. A. E. McPhillips, and has secured the services of a gentleman not only possessed of much parliamentary experience, but a former Cabinet officer, he having for a time held the position of Provincial Secretary, in 1906. Though Mr. Manson's duties in this capacity will not bring responsibilities such as the other members of the Cabinet will bear, the Government will have as a councillor one possessing a most intimate knowledge of the needs of the country, especially the Northern portion, of which Prince Rupert, his home city, is the pivot. Mr. Manson and Prince Rupert are both to be congratulated on the developments which have placed the Northern representative in this new position, as well as the Government for its choice of a president of the Council.

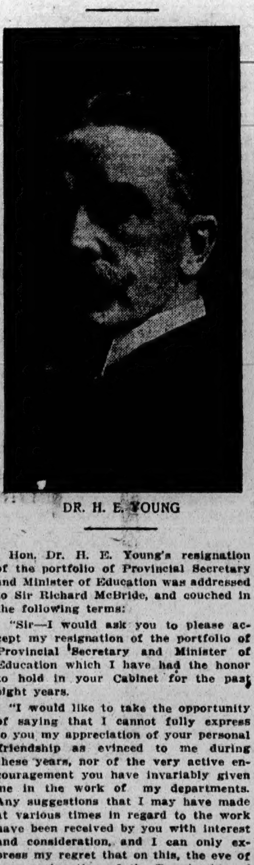
Retains Portfolio of Lands

Opinion will be unanimous that Mr. Bowser has done well in securing the continuance in his present office of the Hon. W. R. Ross, Minister of Lands, whose administration of that department has disclosed in the most emphatic way that he is the right man in the right place.

Coincident with the Cabinet reconstruction, came the resignation of the Hon. Dr. Young from the portfolio of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education. The new incumbent of this post will find the task awaiting him, in respect to the administration of the Education Department, much simplified through the energetic policy pursued by his predecessor. Especially will this be manifested in regard to the Provincial University and public school system, which are now so well established as to render comparatively light, for some time at least, the duties falling to the new incumbent of the office, the Hon. Thomas Taylor. It is understood that Dr. Young will retain his seat in the Legislature.

HELD PORTFOLIOS FOR EIGHT YEARS

Text of Hon. Dr. H. E. Young's Resignation of His Cabinet Position — Appreciation of Personal Friendship.



DR. H. E. YOUNG

Hon. Dr. H. E. Young's resignation of the portfolio of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education was addressed to Sir Richard McBride, and couched in the following terms:

"Sir—I would ask you to please accept my resignation of the portfolio of Provincial Secretary and Minister of Education which I have had the honor to hold in your Cabinet for the past eight years.

"I would like to take the opportunity of saying that I cannot fully express to you my appreciation of your personal friendship as evinced to me during these years, nor of the very active encouragement you have invariably given me in the work of my departments. Any suggestions that I may have made at various times in regard to the work have been received by you with interest and consideration, and I can only express my regret that on this, the eve of your resignation of the Premiership of the Province, our official relations will cease.

"As my chief in office and as the leader of the Conservative party, I have been in a position to have been honored with your confidence, and while regretting our official severance, I also regret very much indeed that British Columbia will be deprived of your services, which have proved so valuable during the past years of formative life of the Province.

"I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

"H. E. YOUNG."

Dr. Young's Career

Dr. Young entered the public life of British Columbia at the solicitation of the Premier in 1903, and was elected for the constituency of Atlin, represented that constituency since that time and still holds his seat, although resigning the Cabinet portfolios. In 1907 the Premier honored him by asking him to accept his present position in the Cabinet. He was re-elected by by-election in 1907, and elected in 1909 and again in 1912. He was fortunate in being a member of the Government during a period in the history of the Province when great advances have been made, and endeavored to keep all the departments that have been under his charge abreast of the times.

In the Education Department, very great strides have been made owing to the increase of population and the necessity of meeting the educational wants of the Province. The school system has been perfected on every opportunity. The Government established superior schools which will allow a High School training for the first two years in the smaller communities, which has proved a great boon. In addition to this, manual training, technical education, domestic science and agricultural instruction in connection with the schools have all been made parts of the curriculum. He early saw the necessity of assisting in a new Province, by making the education free, and endeavored in every way to do so, and to carry this out to its logical conclusion introduced the system of free text books in all the schools. During his period of office he had the honor of opening two Normal Schools, one in Vancouver and the second in Victoria, both of which are a great credit to the Province, and the Government is now able to meet the demands for school teachers from amongst boys and girls trained in the Province. The development of the educational system logically meant the establishment of a University, and that work was entrusted to him by the Premier, and carried to a successful issue.

"I am leaving the University liberally endowed," said Dr. Young yesterday, "with classes already opened and under the charge of the gentleman whom I selected for the presidency, who has shown his earnestness in the work, and his ability, and the growing regard which is expressed towards him shows that he is earning the confidence of the people. There are enrolled for the first year of the University some 372 students, in addition to which there are some 60 students who have gone to the front. I must express my appreciation of the liberality displayed by the Premier towards my department from a financial point of view. I have been able to be of very material assistance financially to the municipalities and British Columbia can point with a good deal of pride to the school buildings throughout the Province.

"In connection with the University, a botanical department has been established, with headquarters in Vancouver, which was established primarily on account of the absolute lack of knowledge of the flora of British Columbia, and secondly I wished to have ready for the University a department sufficiently advanced that would be of real service to the botanical chair in the University. It is the intention to turn this work over to the University authorities.

Tribute to Dr. Robinson

"I cannot conclude this reference to the work of the Educational Department without recording my great indebtedness for the able assistance and advice that I have received from Dr. Alexander Robinson, the superintendent of education. While much has been accomplished by the department that is gratifying, it has only been possible through the whole-hearted co-operation of Dr. Robinson, who has been identified with the Education Department for the past seventeen years. I have found that he is not only enthusiastic in his work, but is a believer in modern methods, and it is altogether to his painstaking care that what success the department may lay claim to has been due.

"As Provincial Secretary, I have had rather a multiplicity of duties to perform. The Provincial Secretary, as the name would indicate, having to do deal with the Province's relations with other Governments, all extra-Provincial matters, including the formation of the many Commissions which have been formed, are dealt with through this office.

"Under the Provincial Secretary there is the management of all hospitals and asylums. The hospitals have been assisted financially and have proven themselves to be, with the Government and local support, thorough, modern and up-to-date institutions.

"I take pride, indeed, in connection with the work of the asylums. On accepting office, I found the asylum in New Westminster an inadequate institution, with out-of-date buildings, requiring new modelling. They were not adapted to the use to which they were put, and owing to the rapid increase in the number of insane, I recommended to the Government the establishment of a modern, up-to-date institution. One thousand one hundred acres of land were secured at Coquitlam, and a result a plan has been adopted providing for a gradual increase in the number of buildings, to meet the growing wants of the Province in this respect. Two buildings are finished and, in addition, the whole place is under cultivation. The old asylum has been remodelled, and those not suitable for out-of-door work have been kept there, but the majority of the patients are now at the Colony Farm at Coquitlam, and it is very pleasing to note that as a result of the change of treatment and the adoption of the plans which I submitted to the Government, that the percentage of cures has wonderfully increased. The farm is run on modern lines and is rapidly becoming self-sustaining, which means a consequent relief to the revenue of the charge for this purpose, which has always been a heavy one.

"The Provincial Museum has also been under my direction, and I have endeavored to keep pace with modern lines in this direction. During my tenure of office the collection has enormously increased, so much so that probably not more than one-third is able to be shown, and the balance is being stored pending the erection of a new Museum, which I have advised the Government to undertake. I have in addition, had a large amount of material collected dealing with the anthropology and ethnology of the Province, having secured the services of Dr. Newcombe, an expert in such matters, for this purpose.

Historical Research

"At the suggestion of the Premier, an Archives Department has also been established. History has been making rapidly on the Western Coast of the continent, and the data for what had gone before was scattered and very difficult to obtain. Under the efficient charge of Mr. Scholefield, the Provincial Archivist, this branch has developed into one which is becoming known throughout the world. The collection of Northwest material in our possession is looked upon as one best in existence, and with a continuance of the efforts made, the material here will be an invaluable asset and of invaluable assistance to future historians, and, incidentally to the students of the Provincial University.

"Another department is the printing office. I have endeavored, as in my other departments, to bring this department up-to-date, and on assuming office, I found that it would be necessary to remodel and refurnish with up-to-date machinery, the whole plant. We have done this, and as a result we are turning out from this department all the printing necessary to be done by the Government for its various publications and for the use of its offices, and I may say that in the staff we possess experts. The printing that is turned out by the Government is looked upon as the best example of the kind in the Dominion of Canada.

"As regards the Provincial Board of Health, my hospital and asylum work has been particularly agreeable to me, and I have for the same reason taken the greatest interest in the Board of Health. The Board of Health has had many calls upon it during the time that I have been in office owing to the great increase in population, and particularly as regards the development of the lumber industry, construction work on railways, and the founding and development of many new towns, necessitating a very close supervision over all health matters. I instituted a Province-wide department, by the appointment of over one hundred Medical Officers, by the appointment of inspectors immediately responsible to the department, and have endeavored to keep a close touch upon all health matters throughout the Province. In connection with this branch I introduced and had passed in the Legislature, bills providing for the medical inspection of schools, medical inspection of logging camps, etc., and also providing for the supervision of the laying of water works and sewerage systems in towns. Fortunately, there has been an entire absence of epidemics during the past year, and the Board of Health has not had to cope with any very difficult situations, but the results as shown in the Health Reports which have been issued, and the fact that the mortality rate in British Columbia is the lowest in the Dominion of Canada, go to show the control obtained by the Provincial Health authorities on the health question generally.

"In conclusion, I desire to place on record my deep appreciation of the assistance which I have received at all times from the officials and employes of my departments. Besides the particular branches mentioned above, the Provincial Secretary deals with many more smaller questions of a varied character, and within the office immediately under my charge, and those indirectly coming within my jurisdiction, the willingness and co-operation of my assistants has been very gratifying."

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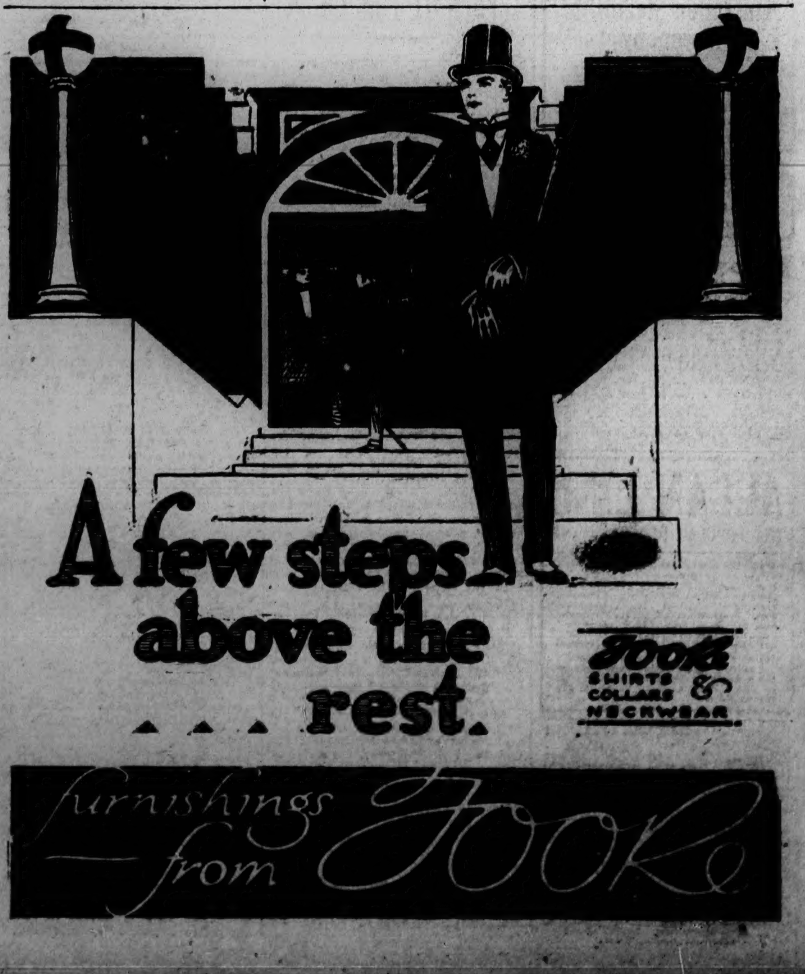

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SHIPS CANNOT HANDLE FREIGHT FOR ORIENT

Congestion at Sound Ports Is Unprecedented Says Great Northern Manager—N. Y. K. Steamships Booked Ahead.

That tremendous cargoes continue to offer at Puget Sound ports for the Orient and that the available tonnage is totally inadequate for the handling of the business, is the statement made by Mr. W. R. Dale, local manager for the Great Northern Railway Company, who has just returned from a business trip to Seattle. Trainloads of freight are daily arriving at Seattle from the interior and all warehouses at the Sound port are bulging with merchandise awaiting shipment to ports in the Far East.

"As an indication of the immense freight shipments awaiting transport to the Orient," said Mr. Dale. "I might point out that when the liner Awa Maru cleared on her outward trip to Yokohama and Hong Kong, there was still sufficient freight lying at the Great Northern wharves to fill at least three ships of the same type."

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha ships are booked full for the next two months. According to the Great Northern manager the congestion of freight on this side of the Pacific is likely to prevail for an indefinite period, as it is impossible to secure extra ships to cope with the extraordinary rush of business.

All Lines Affected

This state of affairs applies not only to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, but also to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and the Blue Funnel Line, whose ships are sailing outward with all the cargo they can conveniently carry.

This situation will undoubtedly be relieved to a great extent with the immediate return of the big liners of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the return of which are being heralded by the liner Empress of Japan, which is now coming across the Pacific to this port.

As soon as the Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia can be refitted they will also resume regular service in the transpacific trade.

The next vessel of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to reach this side will be the Aki Maru, one of the largest carriers of the fleet, which was scheduled to sail from Yokohama yesterday for Victoria.

WAS MAROONED FOR THIRTY-FOUR DAYS

West Coast Settler Rescued by Indians After Robinson Crusoe Existence on Gale-Swept Island.

Marooned for thirty-four days on a small island off the British Columbia Coast, exposed to the full force of the recent gales sweeping inshore from the Pacific Ocean, without any protection from the bleak Winter winds, and with but a meagre supply of food on which to subsist, is the terrible experience of Everett Fitzpatrick, a rancher, of Flores Island, at the entrance to Clayoquot Sound.

News of this modern Robinson Crusoe's rescue from a living death was received here yesterday in a special dispatch to The Colonist from Clayoquot, B. C.

On November 11, last, Fitzpatrick left Ahousat, where he had purchased a stock of provisions, alone in a canoe, bound for his pre-emption, and when about twelve miles from Ahousat, on the west coast of Flores Island, he was caught in a squall and his canoe swamped and drifted ashore, but it was broken in two on the rocks.

Clung to Reefs

Fitzpatrick saved himself by holding on to the rocks, as he was unable to swim. Fortunately, he managed to save a sack of flour, a package of oatmeal and a few matches, and the marooned man was overjoyed when later on a case of coal-oil was washed ashore. Having the materials with which to light a fire, and with the provisions he had been able to save from the wrecked canoe, Fitzpatrick existed in Robinson Crusoe style for over a month, during the time of the terrible storms which wrecked the Chilean ship Carelmapu on Portland Point, not far from where Fitzpatrick had been washed ashore. Big waves washed over the small island, which is nothing more than a reef, but by lashing himself to one of the few trees, the marooned man managed to hold on.

Found by Indians

When found on Tuesday by two Hesquiot Indians, who were returning to Hesquiot from Clayoquot, Fitzpatrick was in a demented condition, and at times was almost savage.

The two Indians reported that they saw a man on the island, and went to his rescue. Fitzpatrick had been living alone, and is the only settler on the west coast of Flores Island. During the Winter months, the Indians very seldom venture out in the open sea, but take the inside passage, or else the marooned man would have been found before.

The rescued man has been taken to the Presbyterian Mission at Ahousat, and will be cared for until he has completely recovered from his terrible experience.

SIX HOURS LATE

President Will Arrive Here at 11 p. m. Tomorrow on Outward Trip to California

Announcement was made yesterday by Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents for the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, that the steamship President, Captain George Zeh, the northern trip of which was cancelled owing to machinery breakdown, will make her regular southbound trip from Victoria to Southern California ports on Friday.

The President will leave Seattle at 5 p.m. tomorrow and will touch here at 11 p.m. on her way out to San Francisco and San Diego.

CHARLOTTE FLOATED

C. P. R. Steamer Completes Repairs and General Overhaul at Esquimalt

The Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Charlotte was yesterday floated from the graving dock at Esquimalt. The triangular flyer has been on the dock for several weeks past undergoing extensive repairs in the shape of renewal of plates below the waterline and also general overhaul.

The vessel touched bottom last September when passing through Active Pass and dented a number of her plates, and although she was in every way seaworthy the C. P. R. officials decided that this was an opportune time to haul the vessel out for repairs. Until the company arranges its Spring schedule the Princess Charlotte will be tied up at the Belleville Street wharves.

OLD WHALER CHARTERED

Brigantine Jeanette to Carry a Cargo of Case Oil From This Coast to Australia

The chartering of the old whaling brigantine Jeanette to make a voyage with case oil from San Francisco to Australia, is but another instance of the continued scarcity of tonnage. The Jeanette was built at Benicia, in 1893, but as she was constructed for whaling purposes, is a particularly staunch craft, and as far as the hull is concerned, is good for many more years of sea service.

The Jeanette is of 217 tons net register, 116 feet long, 27 feet beam and draws 13 feet of water.

COLONIST SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive

Makura, from Sydney	Dec. 16
Musician, from Liverpool	Dec. 18
Empress of Japan, from Hong Kong	Dec. 21
Chicago Maru, from Hong Kong	Dec. 26
Aki Maru, from Hong Kong	Dec. 30
Titan, from Hong Kong	Jan. 1
Monteagle, from Hong Kong	Jan. 4
Polyphemus, from Liverpool	Jan. 5
Canada Maru, from Hong Kong	Jan. 9
Crown of Seville, from Glasgow	Jan. 12
Crown of Toledo, from Glasgow	Feb. 20

Steamers to Sail

Hawaii Maru, for Hong Kong	Dec. 21
Empress of Japan, for Hong Kong	Jan. 1
Monteagle, for Hong Kong	Jan. 11

Steamers Sailed

Aki Maru, for Hong Kong	Oct. 19
Makura, for Sydney	Oct. 27
Canada Maru, for Hongkong	Oct. 23
Tamba Maru, for Hong Kong	Nov. 3
Ixion, for Hongkong	Nov. 10
Yokohama Maru, for Hongkong	Nov. 12
Tacoma Maru, for Hongkong	Nov. 19
Calchas, for Liverpool	Nov. 18
Niagara, for Sydney	Nov. 24
Manila Maru, for Hong Kong	Nov. 26
Mexico Maru, for Seattle	Nov. 27
Sado Maru, for Hong Kong	Dec. 6
Talthybius, for Hong Kong	Dec. 9
Hawaii Maru, for Seattle	Dec. 12
Awa Maru, for Hongkong	Dec. 14

Sailers to Arrive

Encore, Am. schr., from Capetown	
Fauke, Am. schr.	from Melbourne

Auction sales originated in ancient Rome, and were introduced to enable soldiers to dispose of spoils of war.

Liner Will Get Pratique

Special arrangements have been made to allow the Makura to pass quarantine upon her arrival at William Head at 6 p.m. today after a 16-day passage from Auckland.

WIRELESS REPORT

(By Government Wireless)

6 p.m.

Point Grey—Cloudy; S. E. light; 30.16; 36; sea smooth.

Cape Lazo—Cloudy; calm; 30.14; 38; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; calm; 29.61; 40; sea smooth.

Estevan—Overcast; calm; 29.92; 42; sea smooth.

Alert Bay—Overcast; S. E. moderate gale; 29.72; 44; heavy swell.

Triangle—Rain; S. E. fresh; 29.98; 40; sea rough.

Dead Tree Point—Rain; S. S. gale; 29.48; 40; sea rough.

Ikeda Bay—Rain; S. E. gale; 29.35; 37; sea rough.

Prince Rupert—Showers; S.E.; 37; sea moderate.

LINER MAKURA TO PASS QUARANTINE

Arrangements Made to Grant Pratique to Mail Steamer Which Is Reaching William Head at 6 p. m.

Sixteen days out from Auckland the Canadian-Australasian liner Makura, Captain J. D. S. Phillips, will take up her berth at this port tonight, despite the fact that it will be past sundown when she reaches William Head. The local agents of the line were advised yesterday by radiogram that the Makura would arrive at William Head at 6 p.m. today. This will bring the big mail liner to the quarantine station after official sundown, but in view of the fact that the Makura carries the Australian mails and has but six days on this Coast in which to discharge and reload, and incidentally make a side trip to Union Bay for bunkered coal, the authorities have decided to suspend the quarantine regulations and make an exception in her case.

Serious Delay Last Trip

On her last inbound voyage the Makura reached William Head about thirty minutes after sundown and she was compelled to lay over at the station throughout the night, which put her back fourteen hours. She established a new coaling record at Union Bay, however, and was enabled to get away on time, which is an outstanding feature of the arrival and departure of the fine passenger ships of the Canadian-Australasian fleet.

What appeared would be a repetition of the previous delay has been averted by the prompt action of the authorities following the receipt of the news that the Makura would reach the station by 6 p.m. today. Chief Engineer John Howarth is driving the Makura along at full speed in order to reach the station as scheduled and it is not anticipated that the liner will be held back by weather conditions. She was probably buffeted in the southeastern blow off the coast last night.

To Berth at 7 p.m.

With Dr. Nelson awaiting her arrival the liner will be granted her pratique at once and she is expected to come alongside the Outer Docks about 7 p.m. today. She carries a fair list of passengers for the slack season and has a full cargo of Australian and New Zealand products. On her outward voyage the Makura is due to sail from Victoria on Wednesday, December 22.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

December, 1915

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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the tables, the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of lower water.

NEW CORPORATION TO ENTER ORIENT TRADE

Purchasers of the Remaining Seven Ships of Pacific Mail Plan Activity in Pacific Waters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—In the opinion of San Francisco shipping men, the reported purchase by the American International Corporation of the vessels of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company has raised the possibility of the greatest shipping development affecting San Francisco and the Oriental trade which this city has ever experienced. J. H. Rossiter, manager of W. R. Grace & Co., an integral part of the American International Corporation, said last night:

"We plan to continue the present service along the west coast and to Balboa, which has been maintained by the Pacific Mail Company. Our steamers have been calling at Central American and Mexican ports recently, and the acquiring of the Panama fleet merely increases the service upon which already we had embarked.

"As to the China service, that depends upon the encouragement we receive from the government. Certain inducements must be offered if we are to embark in the Oriental trade, one of which will be a big modification of the La Follette seaman's bill and another the securing of mail contracts to Honolulu and Manila.

"If the government meets us half way in our endeavors, we intend to develop the foreign trade to Pacific ports from San Francisco."

The seven remaining vessels of the Pacific Mail fleet reported sold to the newly formed American International Corporation, capitalized at $50,000,000, are the Aztec, Peru, City of Para, Pennsylvania, Newport and San Juan. All are now in the Mexican trade.

EXTRA O. S. K. LINER

Japanese Freighter Saikai Maru Expected to Berth Here on December 27

The Japanese steamer Saikai Maru, which is due to arrive here from the Far East about December 27 with a cargo for the Isaka Shosen Kaisha, will discharge 100 tons at Victoria and 500 at Vancouver.

For the outward voyage the Saikai Maru will load cargo for the Far East under charter to the Istrander interests of Seattle.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

New Aga Type of Beacon Now Working at White Rocks, Milbank Sound

Mariners are notified that the lighted beacon at White Rocks, Milbank Sound, has been changed from an automatic generating gas beacon to one of the Aga type. The new characteristic is one-third flash every three seconds. The color of the light is white.

SALE NETS OVER $300

Auction of Superfluities for Red Cross Results Successfully—Christmas Sale on Friday

The sale of superfluities held yesterday afternoon at the Belmont House offices netted for the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society over $300.

Many bidders attended the sale and a large quantity of the articles offered during the afternoon were disposed of at bargain prices. A commodious walnut buffet, for instance, went for the paltry amount of $25.

The Greener shot-gun, which was recently sold at the Superfluities Sales for $12 and raffled by the purchaser in aid of the Red Cross, has been redonated to the sales and will be sold again at one of the forthcoming auctions.

Messrs. F. W. Jones and Henry Pearce made efficient auctioneers yesterday.

The sale on Friday will be essentially for the disposal of articles suitable for Christmas presents, such as jewelry and small goods. The auction will begin at 2:30 o'clock at the Belmont House rooms, and it is anticipated that there will be a large attendance of patrons.

THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12:45 p.m., to the top at 12:55 p.m., and will be dropped at 1 p.m. daily.

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VISIT TO FRONT IS CURE FOR PESSIMISM

Mr. John Redmond Tells of Troops' Absolute Confidence—Men Who Dribbled Football in Charge on Loos.

Fresh from his experiences in the trenches, Mr. John Redmond addressed a meeting at the Queen's Hall, London, recently, the object of which was to obtain recruits for the London Irish Rifles.

Mr. Redmond said he had just finished the most thrilling and the proudest week of his life. He hoped in a day or two to give the public a connected narrative. All he could do that night was to allude shortly to two or three of the outstanding facts which he felt he ought instantly to state.

First of all, Mr. Redmond proceeded, the one great impression that I have brought back from the front is the absolute confidence of our troops. There are no pessimists at the front. From the Commander-in-Chief down through all the ranks of the Army, there is but one feeling of absolute confidence in the result of the war, and I can say from my experience there that there is a universal feeling of resentment against those people in this country who are spreading the spirit of pessimism. It has been said to me over and over again: "Why is not the All-Is-Lost-Brigade sent to the front?"

Germany Is Beaten

The one remedy for any man who is depressed or despondent is to go and meet the troops at the front. The real truth of the matter is this. So far as the western front is concerned Germany is beaten. Every day and every hour she is getting weaker on that front and we are getting stronger. For every shell the Gereman throws today we throw five, and anybody who could attempt to preach pessimism in the English or French or the Belgian lines today would get a very uncomfortable reception.

The second great impression he had brought back was the amazing character of the organization. It was perfect in every respect. He found our men cheery, confident, well clad, well fed, healthy and fit in appearance, and he came away with the conclusion that no army in the history of the world was ever better looked after and cared for than our army in the field at this moment.

The work was the work of the administrative staff. He thought nothing more mischievous or cowardly had ever been done in the public life of this country than the speech the other day in the House of Lords of Lord St. Davids, who represented the staff, which was working all this great system, as having a good time, as being made up of shirkers—young fellows of high social position, who had taken no share in the fighting, and who were living idle and vicious lives.

Slander on the Staff.

Now I can say without any circumlocutions, Mr. Redmond continued, that that is a lie. I have been witness of the work of the administrative staff. These men are at work before 9 o'clock in the morning, they go on with their work up to 10 and 11 o'clock at night, and so far from leading idle lives they are the hardest worked men I have ever come across. So far from being shirkers, almost all the younger men who are employed upon the staff are men who have already served in this war, and who have been wounded, seriously wounded.

I met some of these "shirkers leading idle and vicious lives," and when I enquired who they were, I found they were men who had been shot through both lungs nine months ago, who had recovered from their wounds, and instead of being sent right back to the front had been halted at Headquarters for the purpose of doing this work.

I say nothing more disgraceful has happened in this country than for anyone whether he is a peer or a commoner, to use the privilege of Parliament for circulating libels against men who are absent and who cannot defend themselves.

My object in going to the front, continued Mr. Redmond, was to pay a visit to the Irish regiments. I had the honor of meeting and speaking to every Irish regiment, with the single exception of the London Irish, and if I had met them I should not have been able to be here tonight. But I found every Irishman out there full of cheerfulness and full of fight. In most cases they marched on to the parade ground to hear my voice with their pipers playing "O'Donnell Aboo," or "God Save Ireland!"—and they carried with them the green flags of our country.

I saw them not only on parade, but in the trenches, and it touched me and filled my heart with hope when I found a battalion of the Ulster Division from Belfast—side by side with the Dublins in the same trenches. I spoke to them all, and found that so far from there being any friction, they regarded each other as true comrades and brother Irishmen. I pray God that may go on. I pray that wherever the Irish battalions go into action they may go together. I need not point the moral; that is the way to end the discords of Ireland. These men are risking their lives and spilling their blood in the same holy cause, and when they come home no power on earth will be able to induce them to turn as enemies upon one another.

Mr. Redmond went on to make a complaint that he had already made in the House of Commons—that the Irish regiments had not had sufficient mention in the dispatches. Their deeds, he said, are upon every tongue at the front. Yet if we were to judge by the dispatches we should not know that they had been fighting at all. Take the case of the London Scottish: I have no word to say against this gallant regiment. But what about the London Irish?

First to Enter Loos.

Their gallantry at Loos was the theme of every tongue, from generals as well as from commanding officers. They were first into Loos: they captured five German guns; they made the victory certain; and they commenced their charge by throwing out a football, and dribbling it along in front of them. After all this, I think it is hard that all we should hear about the matter is a reference to a certain "Territorial regiment."

I do not grudge any of the honors paid to the London Scottish, but when you have equally brave deeds performed by the London Irish, why should the fact be kept back? I venture to make another appeal to the authorities to tell us of the brave deeds that any regiment, be it English or Welsh, or Scotch or Irish, may do, and I am sure it will be better for recruiting if this is done.

I came here to do a good turn to the London Irish Regiment, which is as much an Irish regiment as the Munsters or the Connaught Rangers. I have come here to ask the Irishmen of the Metropolis to come in and fill the ranks of the battalion so that they may be able to go to the aid of the other regiments in the field. Yesterday, I was in Belgium, and never in my life was I so thrilled with pity and indignation as I was when I went along the Belgian lines. I looked upon the endless waste of waters which the Belgians had poured over their fields to keep out the invader. The water is salt, and I was told that it will be ten years before that land can be properly cultivated again.

Ruined Towns.

I drove for miles through villages and towns where not a single building is left standing—such a scene of horror and desolation which it is impossible to conceive. Churches are battered to the ground. As you pass through the deserted streets you have to pass over the debris of broken furniture and household goods.

At Nieuport just one portion of the tower of the superb cathedral there was left, and that the Germans battered down the other day. Then to finish the picture, I was brought to be presented to the King of the Belgians. There is no more heroic figure—no more tragic figure in the world today. There he was—a man of magnificent physique in the full bloom of manhood. He has lived for 15 months in a little detached villa on the sands, within 30 feet of the sea, with shells falling round him.

There he stands alone, in a kingdom about 25 miles long and about 10 wide, with the remnant of his people in the trenches. He spends his time in the trenches, looking wistfully for some hope for his country. I told him I could speak for Ireland on this question—for Ireland, poor and weak, yet determined at any cost and at any sacrifice to stand by the independence of the Belgian nation.

Message to Ireland.

His Majesty expressed his sense of gratitude for what Ireland had done for his country, and said to me that nothing had touched him more than the spectacle of the poor Irish people in every village subscribing for the relief of the Belgian refugees. He asked me to bring back to Ireland a message of good will and gratitude. I was able to assure him that, come weal, come woe, so far as it rests with us in Ireland, we will have no peace which has not for its first object condition the rehabilitation of Belgium.

I brought back from the Irish troops at the front a mesage to Ireland. They asked me to bring it. It was that they felt that every man of them out there were fighting, not merely for the abstract principles of right, not merely for the independence of Belgium, but for the freedom and protection of their own beloved Ireland. And all they asked was that Ireland should stand by them. And what I would say to the Irish people is that they would be forever disgraced in the history of the world if, after having sent their bravest sons to the front, they did not raise the men necessary to fill the gaps in the regiments caused by the losses of the war.

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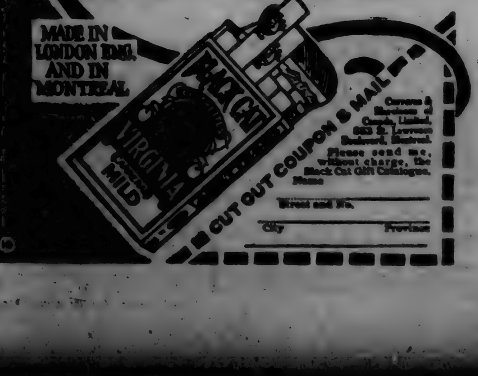

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SEASON IS CLOSED FOR GAME BIRDS

Deer Are Now Protected Until Next Season—Ducks, Snipe and Geese Still Legal Prey of Hunters.

Sportsmen are reminded that yesterday was the last day for shooting game birds on Vancouver Island, and that from now on they must confine their attention to wildfowl. Ducks and snipe may be shot until February 15 and geese until the end of March, as far as Vancouver Island and adjacent waters are concerned.

The past game shooting season has not been a very noteworthy one. Necessarily, the number of sportsmen who have been able to take to the woods has been a small one, and the reports of success or otherwise, of those who varied as usual according to their luck or skill. The blue grouse were plentiful at the opening of the season, and some good bags were made, the supply of pheasants has been apparently equal to a normal year, and the quail are as plentiful as ever. The abnormally dry weather at the opening of the season made deer hunting difficult and scent poor for the bird shooters, and a curious complaint has come from a number of deer hunters that the deer are unusually wild this year. Whatever be the cause, it is certain that, in proportion to the number of hunters in pursuit of them, there have been fewer shot than usual.

Sale of Deer

For the first time for a number of years it was made legal this season to sell deer on Vancouver Island for a month and a half. The legislation which made this possible was severely criticized by sportsmen of all shades of political opinion, but the dry weather already referred to interfered on behalf of the protectionists, and, although there was a considerable supply of venison on the market at high prices, there was nothing like the number of carcases shipped to town that the dealers had expected. Some of the evils which invariably attend the legalising of market hunting were in evidence, pit-lighting was reported to the game wardens from several districts, and at least one offender was caught red-handed and severely dealt with.

So far the Winter has proved far too mild for good duck shooting in home waters and the number brought into town has been insignificant. Brant have not yet been reported in any numbers, but as this year the season has once more been extended until the end of March, it is altogether likely that some good bags of these geese will be made before the season closes.

CALIFORNIA HAS NEW TENNIS STAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Roland Roberts, the youngest of California's array of tennis stars, is being primed for an invasion of the Eastern courts. Roberts, who is not yet 18, graduates from Lowell high in the Spring, and his admirers are working in his behalf for a trial in the interscholastic championship tournament that is being held annually in the East.

It was in this event that Maurice McLoughlin first won recognition in the East. That was some seven years ago, and the California comet defeated the best high school players in the country. Roberts has been coming along so fast that local players are of the opinion that he will follow in the footsteps of McLoughlin.

The youngster has a wonderful strong stroke, and with a little more seasoning, he is expected to take his place with Champion William Johnston, McLoughlin, Griffin, Strachan, and the many other local players who have gained national honors. The matter of Roberts going East while so young will be decided by the Pacific Tennis Association.

ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN

Underwriting Syndicate Announces That $220,000,000 Has Been Taken for Investment

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The managers of the syndicate which underwrote the Anglo-French $500,000,000 5 per cent external war loan announced today that $280,000,000 of the issue had been withdrawn for investment at the syndicate price of 96¼, and that $40,000,000 had been sold at public subscription for 98.

The unsold balance of $180,000,000 will be distributed this week among the members of the syndicate, which expired yesterday, according to a previous arrangement. The syndicate also announced that the managers are distributing to those who did not withdraw their bonds for investment cash amounts to between 10 per cent and 11 per cent of the amount of their participation.

Representatives of the syndicate declared that the result established the success of the flotation, particularly in view of its foreign character and the fact that it was the largest venture of its kind ever undertaken by American brokers.

Care of Disabled Men

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—That the Canadian Government is doing everything possible, not only to send men to the front, but also to take proper care of the invalided soldiers, was the argument made by Senator Lougheed, chairman of the Military Hospitals' Commission, at a concert last evening given at the Ritz-Carleton Hotel in aid of the Khaki League Convalescent Home. Senator Lougheed outlined the work of this commission, not only in caring for the invalided men, but also in finding employment for those able to work, and in giving vocational training to those who needed and were capable of such education so that they might become again self-supporting citizens. Senator J. P. B. Casgrain also spoke.

Big Zeppelin Destroyed

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—A report of the destruction of the Super-Zeppelin L-22 was received from Schleswig today by a Copenhagen newspaper. It is said that nearly all the forty members of the crew were killed or wounded. The loss of the Zeppelin is said to have been due to the accidental explosion of a bomb as the airship was leaving its shed. The explosion demolished the shed. According to this account, the accident occurred a fortnight ago. The Zeppelin had been in service only a few weeks. It is described as a sister ship of the L-18, recently reported to have been destroyed by an explosion at Tondern.

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BRITISH GOLF IS PARALYZED BY WAR

Practically All Players, Amateur and Professional, of Military Age Are at the Front

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—That the war had paralyzed golf in Great Britain, was the statement made here by John G. Anderson, runner-up in the National Golf Championship this year on returning from a stay of five weeks there.

Virtually the only golf countenanced in the United Kingdom, he found, is a series of exhibition matches played on famous courses by Vardon, Ray, Taylor, Duncan and Braid, for the benefit of the war relief fund. Almost every player of military age, amateur and professional, is at the front. Some of the women players are serving with the Red Cross. Men 60 years old or more serve as caddies.

The only golfer whom Anderson could find to play with him over the St. Andrews links was Andrew Kirkaldy, who tied for the championship in 1879.

The meeting of the Golf Professional Association had been declared off for this year because there are no golf professionals left in the country to hold a meeting.

Duke of Manchester Bankrupt

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Duke of Manchester was today adjudged a bankrupt. The promised plan for an arrangement of his affairs, which it was announced last week would be submitted to the Duke's creditors was not forthcoming, and a request was made by his attorney for a further adjournment of the case for six weeks. The proposal was refused and the bankruptcy court appointed F. S. Saloman as trustee of the Duke's estate.

Calgary Men Drop Dead

CALGARY, Alb., Dec. 15.—Two men dropped dead here at about the same time, near 6 p.m. yesterday. Jessee Roberts, an employee of the Hudson's Bay Co., died in the store while on duty. He was 40 years old and is survived by a wife and two children. Samuel Calvert, employed at the Ogden shops of the C. P. R., died suddenly at the same time, just as the shops were closing. He is survived by a family.

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MUCH IMPROVED GAME PLAYED BY LOCALS

Hockey Team Resting After Strenuous Battle at Vancouver—Trooper Box Played in Effective Way.

Victoria's hockey representatives returned home yesterday morning from Vancouver, where they went through a hard gruelling game with the Millionaires.

The players are evidently coming into their stride, and apparently have an abundance of fighting spirit, which was very much in evidence on Tuesday night, when, with the score 4 to 1 against them, they came from behind in a mad rush and finished on the long end of a 7 to 5 score.

In their game here against Seattle, the forward line showed little or no attempt at combination, but, according to the Vancouver reports, the players must have achieved a great improvement over there in this line. The aristocrats rested all day yesterday, as most of them felt the effects of the hard checking and strenuous battle, and they will have a very light work-out today.

Manager Patrick is very enthusiastic over the showing made by Trooper Box, who replaced Riley at the end of the first period in Tuesday's match, and played a strong, handy, and effective game until the final gong brought hostilities to an end. While the line-up for tomorrow's game has not yet been announced, it is safe to say that Box will start out against the Millionaires. The locals are keen and anxious to turn the trick again against Vancouver and thereby keep within speaking distance of the league leaders.

Tom Phillips will referee the game on Friday night, and Charlie Wakely will act as judge of play. Tomorrow's game will be the last one on local ice this month.

START SERIES FOR CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Western Scots Play Victoria Amateurs at Ice Hockey Tonight in First of Six Matches

The first of a series of six games for the city ice hockey championship will be played at the Arena tonight from 7 to 8 o'clock between the Western Scots and the Victoria Amateur Hockey Club. Admission will be by ordinary skating ticket, which will entitle the holder to skate and also view the match.

The Amateurs have not announced their line-up, but the Western Scots will be represented by the following: Goal, Pte. J. Arbuthnot; point, Sgt. Young; cover point, Lieut. McDiarmaid; rover, Pte. McDonald; centre, Sgt. Morton; left wing, Cpl. Falconer; right wing, Pte. Kenny. Reserves, Pte. Peters and A. N. Other.

The game played yesterday between the High School and the Western Scots second team resulted in a win for the High School by 3 goals to 2.

ESQUIMALT GUN CLUB

Annual Christmas Turkey Shoot Will Be Held Next Sunday—Proceeds for Patriotic Fund

In response to inquiries made by local sportsmen, the committee of the Esquimalt Gun Club have decided to hold its annual Christmas turkey shoot as usual on Sunday, December 19. Shooting will start at 10 a.m. on the club's grounds, Admiral's Road, Esquimalt, and will finish at 1 p.m. The rules and conditions will be the same as last year, but only trap-shooting events will be held.

It is hoped that a good muster will turn out, for the proceeds, after deducting expenses, will be handed to a patriotic fund of some description.

Northwestern Baseball League

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 15.—Directors of the Northwestern Baseball League, in annual meeting here, today re-elected Robert Blewitt, of Seattle, president of the league for a term of three years. The question of adding two cities to the circuit to replace Victoria and Aberdeen, which dropped out last Summer, was put over until tomorrow to give the Aberdeen promoters, who desire to rejoin the league, an opportunity to submit a definite proposition.

Tug of War Teams

In addition to their soccer team, the 72nd Battalion is bringing over its team of tug of war heavyweights to try conclusions with the beefy men of the 67th on Saturday. The soccer match will be played at the Willows oval and the tug of war will probably be pulled off either before the start of the football game or during the half-time interval.

Freddie Welsh at Toronto

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The capacity of Loew's Winter garden, 3,000 or more, was taxed to the limit tonight for a boxing show, under the auspices of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Fund, with the appearance of Freddie Welsh, the lightweight champion of the world, as the star feature. The programme was made up of short bouts between local professionals, and was the first professional boxing show in Toronto, other than club affairs for years. Tommy Madison, of Montreal, met the champion and got the worst of the bout.

Wolgast Beaten.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—The lightweight fight between Frank Whitney and Ad Wolgast here last night was stopped at the end of the fifth round, when Wolgast's manager stated that Wolgast was in no condition to continue. A cut on the former champion's head was opened early in the fourth round, and the blood flowed from it freely. The bout was to have gone ten rounds.

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Seats Now on Sale at Fit-Rite Parlors, Corner Government and Yates Streets

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Our boys in khaki are fighting or dying—as fate wills—in the Greatest War the British Empire has ever been called upon to share. They are cheerful in the face of danger, because they sincerely believe that

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are seeing to it that their dear ones do not want. Are you going to betray their trust? If you feel that you can't spare anything; if you feel that it is not up to you to give anything; if you feel that the Victoria boys at the front are asking for charity—

Don't Give a Cent

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APPEAL TO ISRAELITES

Central Consistory of France Addresses Hebrews on Behalf of Allied Nations Engaged in War

"The Central Consistory of the Israelites of France has addressed the following appeal to the Israelites of neutral countries, says The Bulletin des Francais:

"Israelites, we, who for centuries have been victims of injustice and of unthankfulness amongst the nations, have reason more than all others to condemn, in the name of the eternal laws proclaimed by the prophets, the violence done to our country.

"The present war has been forced upon peaceful France. For remaining faithful to her ideals of peace and democracy she has suffered repeated menaces and provocations from an implacable adversary, who prepared himself to erase her from the galaxy of nations. Brutally assailed, she struggles today for her existence, for her liberty, as well as for the liberty of peoples who struggle with her.

"Israelites of neutral countries, can you view without sorrow and without alarm the extinction of a moral power whose benefits have been showered upon you? It is to the France of the eighteenth century, as you know, that the overthrow of barriers raised and maintained against Israelites through centuries of oppression is due. It is through her example, under the lustre of her genius, that the other nations have, by degrees, conferred upon you the rights of men and citizens.

"International usages forbid you to participate in her defence; but the thankfulness which you owe her, which you would hasten to avow her, certainly imposes upon you the duty of spreading the truth about her cause, about the origin and character of this atrocious war, of protesting against the dissemination of falsehood, of denouncing the violations of the laws of warfare committed by an adversary to whom might alone creates and sets limits to right.

"Recall to yourselves what the year 1870 meant to Judaism. In the place of the doctrines of emancipation and of fraternity which the French Revolution had propagated, victorious Germany planned to substitute a doctrine of hatred and of brutality; her universities formulated a theory in the name of a spurious science, which bordered on anti-Semitism; Germany, sole authentic heir of the Aryan blood, must preserve the purity of it with all her strength; the Jew was the secular intrusion it was necessary to exclude at any price. Thus, from its natal hearth, anti-Semitism sprang forth into the world. In the East it succeeded, at first, to implant itself, but already cheering symptoms afford comforting hopes of new times. The victory of the great liberal powers of the Occident, united with Russia for the defence of the right, will not fail to complete the emancipation of our brethren of Russia.

"The French Revolution liberated the Jews of the Occident; the victory of the Allies will liberate the Jews of the rest of Europe. It would be folly to await their liberation by a victory, happily impossible, of the united forces of oppression, of anti-Semitic pan-Germanism and of Prussian militarism.

"Sons of ancient Judaism, we await with confidence the triumph of justice."

BEST FOR CHINA

Prominent Japanese Banker Thinks Return to Monarchial Form of Government Is Wise

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—That China acted wisely in deciding to return to a monarchy form of government was the opinion expressed here tonight by Baron Shibusawa, the Japanese banker, who arrived here today from the East to await the next steamer for Japan.

"The time for China to become a republic has not yet arrived," he said. "The only kind of government that can exist there must be monarchial. As President of the country, Yuan Shi-Kai was in reality a monarch. He is without doubt the ablest statesman the Chinese Empire has, and should be able to give the country what she most needs—a strong, centralized government.

"The only way in which the Japanese are interested in the governmental change," he continued, "is its bearing on peace and order, and the protection of foreign interests. We believe that Yuan Shi-Kai will be strong enough to quell any disturbances that may rise in consequence of his assumption of the throne."

Silver Spring Beer, 3 quarts for 25c.

Dr. Ford Verrinder, dentist, has resumed practice 210 Campbell Building. Phone 3575.

THIRTY-TWO ON CASUALTY LIST

Names of Eleven Dead and Fifteen Wounded Announced From Ottawa—Victoria Man Is Mentioned.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Last midnight's casualty list contains thirty-two names, of which eleven are posted as dead and fifteen wounded.

The list follows:

2nd Battalion
(Wounded)
Cpl. E. H. Handyside, Prescott, Ont.
(Dangerously Wounded)
Pte. Wm. McArthy, Scotland.
3rd Battalion
(Previously Reported Missing, Now (Killed in Action)
Pte. Frank Farrent, England.
Pte. C. H. Williams, England.
5th Battalion
(Seriously Ill)
Pte. John Esson, Scotland.
7th Battalion
(Wounded)
Lieut. J. G. Murray, Belleville, Ont.
10th Battalion
(Suffering From Shock)
Pte. Harry Foster, Moose Jaw, Sask.
13th Battalion
(Killed in Action)
Pte. Geo. Pass, New Glasgow, N. S.
(Seriously Ill)
Pte. K. W. Hutt, Milton, N. S.
(Wounded)
Pte. A. Murray, Scotland.
16th Battalion
(Suffering From Shell Fire)
Pte. P. Kirby, 1214 Gladstone Avenue, Victoria, B. C.
20th Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. H. Enright, England.
21st Battalion
(Killed in Action)
Pte. Harry Lewis, Ottawa, Ont.
22nd Battalion
(Killed in Action)
Pte. Arthur Guay, Quebec.
Pte. V. Desroches, Montreal.
(Wounded)
Pte. Francois, Massicotte, Three Rivers, Que.
24th Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. John Nee, Boston, Mass.
Pte. A. M. Cruickshank, Scotland.
25th Battalion
(Killed in Action)
Cpl. Jas. Glover, England.
26th Battalion
(Killed in Action)
Pte. A. H. Steeves, Hopewell Hill, N. B.
27th Battalion
(Wounded)
Pte. C. Connell, Royal Navy.
28th Battalion
(Unofficially Reported Prisoner of War)
Pte. F. Doucher, Montreal.
30th Battalion
(Seriously Ill)
Pte. H. B. Glibben, Ingersoll, Ont.
35th Battalion
(Drowned)
Pte. J. Kenefick, Bowesville, Ont.
Lord Strathcona's Horse
(Severely Wounded)
Pte. J. F. Bagshaw, England.
1st Can. Mounted Rifles
(Died of Wounds)
Pte. John Kennedy, Creemore, Ont.
2nd Can. Mounted Rifles
(Slightly Wounded)
Lieut. R. S. Worsley, England.
(Wounded)
Cpl. Robt. Lees, England.
Pte. W. Tyler, England.
Pte. W. Flowers, England.
3rd Can. Mounted Rifles
(Wounded)
Pte. Jas. Macdonald, Scotland.
Royal Can. Horse Artillery
(Died of Wounds)
Cpl. Arthur Dalgleish, Scotland.

APPOINTMENTS IN ARMY

Several Changes Among Canadian Officers With Forces in England Are Announced

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The following appointments have been made in the Canadian forces training in England:

Lieut. Chabbe, Princess Patricias, transferred to the Staffordshire Yeomanry.

Capt. H. MacLean, of the Dragoons, posted in the Canadian cavalry depot.

Capt. Pope, Caadian Seaforths, posted to the 43rd Reserve.

Lieut. Craig appointed assistant director of the supply transport.

H. Macadam appointed captain in the army service corps.

Dr. Norman Ferguson and Dr. James Donald, to be captains in the Canadian Army Medical Corps.

Lieuts. Webster, Stone and McCallum, of the Field Artillery, are taking a course at the Woolwich Ordnance College.

AEROPLANES FROM INDIA

Seven to Be Provided by Public Subscriptions, for Service Along With Indian Troops

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(Through Reuter's Agency, Ottawa)—A dispatch from Simla, India, says:

"Subscriptions for the seven aeroplanes to be named after the big rivers of the Punjab are swelling excellently. All the districts of Northern India are supporting the movement. The aeroplanes will be used on the battle fronts where Indian troops are operating, and after the war will be handed over to the commander of the Indian army. Two maharajahs have given an aeroplane each, while the commander of the Kashmir army has given two aeroplanes.

"The manufacture of munitions of war is proceeding briskly throughout the Empire and the people of India continue unceasing to supply the troops in the field with necessaries and comforts."

Phoenix Beer, 3 quarts for 25c.

VESSELS SUNK

Italians Lose Destroyer and Transport Through Drifting Mines—German Submarine Destroyed

ROME, Dec. 15.—The Italian destroyer Intrepido and the Italian transport Re Umberto have been sunk in the Adriatic Sea by drifting mines, according to announcement made in a semi-official note. All the men of the crews were saved with the exception of forty men aboard the transport and three on the destroyer.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The correspondent at Atnens of The Milan Secolo says a German submarine has been sunk in the Black Sea off the Bulgarian port of Varna, and that a Turkish torpedo boat has been sunk in the Sea of Marmora by the British.

The Turkish battle-cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German battle-cruiser Goeben, went out into the Black Sea, the correspondent adds, and was torpedoed, though she was not seriously damaged.

TEUTONIC PLANS NOT DISCLOSED

Uncertainty as to Where Next Effort Against Allies Will Be Made—Situation in Greece Good.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—With the Anglo-French forces safely across the Greek frontier and close to their strongly fortified base at Salonica, where reinforcements are arriving daily, the second phase of the Balkan campaign, which opened with the Teutonic invasion of Serbia and the defeat of the Serbian army, has closed and the peoples of the Balkan countries are awaiting the next move.

It seems fairly well settled that the Bulgarians do not intend to invade Greece, an action which would likely cause dissensions in that country, which is already uneasy over the Bulgarian occupation of Monastir. Also it is not believed that the Austrians and Germans have sufficient troops available to attack the Entente Allies.

Speculation here had to do with the Germans and their intentions. They are variously reported to be concentrated near Monastir and Doiran and on the Roumanian border, and as preparing for an attempt to drive the Entente Allies from the Gallipoli Peninsula. All these reports lack confirmation.

One thing seems certain to the military observers, that the Germans will have to keep a close watch on the Roumanian side, not only because of the danger of that country entering the war against them, but to meet the threat of a Russian invasion through Roumania, which, although nothing has been said of it recently, has not been lost sight of.

Wherever the Germans move they will find the Entente Allies prepared. Salonica is being made stronger daily and has the backing of warships, as also has the Gallipoli Peninsula, where the Entente positions likewise have been strengthened. The Russians are believed by the military authorities to be able to cope with any army the Teutonic countries can collect on the Roumanian border, while Egypt, which is said to be another Teutonic objective, also has been placed in a state of defence.

Although there are many persons who doubt that the Germans purpose to rest on their laurels in the Near Eeast for the time being, and that they will make for victory on the Western front, persistent reports come from Holland of the concentration of the German armies in Belgium and Luxemburg with the intention of striking a blow as soon as the ground permits of it. At the present moment the greater part of the country is a sea of mud, in which it would be unsafe for any army to attempt an offensive. The reported concentration of Germans is believed for the air raids which the Entente Allies are making behind the German lines in an effort to upset the movement of the troops and destroy shelters, camps and the supplies of munitions which are necessary for an offensive.

General Townsend reports the repulse of further Turkish attacks against the British position at Kut-el-Amara, Mesopotamia.

There have been no changes in the situation on any of the fronts.

Steamer Coated With Ice

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich., Dec. 15.—The steamer Maruba, of the Hutchinson & Company fleet, which reached here today, was so thickly coated with ice it was necessary to use a hot water hose to release the wheelman from the pilot house. The Maruba was sheathed in ice which in places was six inches thick.

To Join Vancouver

PORT ARTHUR, Ont., Dec. 15.—Willard McGregor left this city last night for the Coast, where he will play hockey for Vancouver. Little is known of McGregor out here. He is a young brother of Mac McGregor, the well-known lacrosse star.

Toronto-Guelph Railway

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The Toronto suburban railway to Guelph will be in operation as far as Georgetown by February 1 and to Guelph by March 1. This announcement is made by H. T. Hazen, district engineer for Mackenzie & Mann, Limited, who has had charge of the construction of the new electric line.

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In His Own Great Broadway Success
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A Striking Production, Full of Laughs and Original Situations
NOTE.—Richard Carle last appeared in Victoria at $2.00 prices.
THEATRE

MANY ARE ATTRACTED TO CHRISTMAS PLAY

Entertainment Held Last Evening at University School Was Well Staged—Marks Closing of Term.

An appropriate means of marking the closing of the Christmas term and the commencement of the holidays was adopted last evening at University School, Mount Tolmie, when a play was enacted by members of the school in the spacious gymnasium to an unusually large audience, composed of students, parents and visitors.

Tastefully festooned with garlands of fir and cedar, with here and there a sprinkling of holly, the building was attractively decorated, the adornments harmonizing with the Christmas season. The stage was arranged at the west end of the building, and on the outside was draped with flags. Excellent scenery was provided in every act, while the lighting facilities were also admirably worked out.

Several special cars were provided on the Mount Tolmie run to accommodate the many people who journeyed to the school, and two return cars left the school at the conclusion of the performance.

Among those present were the warden, Rev. W. W. Bolton, and the headmaster, Mr. J. C. Barnacle, while several members of the clergy and representatives of the military forces, including Lieut.-Col. Rous-Cullin, of the 88th Battalion, were in attendance.

The principal part of the function consisted of W. R. Floyed's comedy drama of two acts, entitled "Handy Andy." The characters were all remarkably well portrayed, both boys and masters being members of the cast. Mr. A. R. Dobson, who took the title role, provided a splendid fund of amusement throughout the play, and he was ably supported in the humorous parts by Mr. A. K. N. Oxenham, as Mr. Murphy, and A. Helmcken as Mr. Furlong. The more serious, but equally well taken characters were portrayed by Mr. A. Tomlinson as Squire Egan, V. Thurburn as Squire O'Grady, W. B. Garrard as Edward O'Connor and J. de Pencier as Dick Dawson. The female roles were well sustained by D. Small, P. R. Belson and W. Holms, while the part of Simon, although minor, was played with credit by L. Pritchard.

Mr. A. Tomlinson, as stage manager, carried out his duties with efficiency. The costumery was to represent that worn in Ireland in the eighteenth century, and was the gift of Mr. J. W. Tolmie. Mr. S. Corsan acted as property manager.

The ushers were Messrs. W. Tolmie, C. Holms, A. Innes and R. Turner, while F. Shore acted as electrician

A number of selections were given during the performance by the school glee club, under the direction of the Rev. F. V. Venables, Mr. A. R. Dobson acting as accompanist.

At the close of the performance, prior to the singing of "God Save the King," the school song, the words of which were composed by the late Capt. R. V. Harvey, former warden of the school, was sung by the ensemble voices of the whole school, thus providing a fitting close to a most successful evening's entertainment.

Kaiser Is in Berlin

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—The official announcement is made that the German Emperor, after a long journey to the armies under Field Marshal von Hindenburg's chief command, and an inspection of the naval plants at Libau, has arrived in Berlin, where he will remain for some time.

TRANSCONTINENTAL WRECK

First Accident Since Government Operation of Road Began Occurs to Passenger Train

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—The first wreck on the Transcontinental railroad since that Government road began operations was reported this evening to the Department of Railways and Canals, says a dispatch from Ottawa to The Gazette.

The eastbound fast passenger train, the "National," which left Winnipeg yesterday for Toronto, left the rails thirty miles west of Armstrong, Ont. Engineer Drinkwater, of Cochrane, received a broken leg, and brakeman Clark, of Cochrane, also was injured. None of the passengers were hurt.

Fire broke out soon after the accident, and all the cars with the exception of the baggage car and the Ontario Government official car, "Sir James," were either destroyed or badly damaged. A special relief train has been dispatched from Cochrane to the scene.

Florida in 1914 produced sponges valued at $601,918.82.

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DANIEL FROHMAN
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In a Picturization of Henry Arthur Jones' Famous Dramatic Success
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COMEDY—ORCHESTRA—WEEKLY

WILL GO TO DUNCAN EARLY NEXT MONTH

No. 2 Company, 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, to Leave for Winter Quarters—Christmas Leave.

No definite decision has been reached as to the date of the departure of No. 2 Company of the 88th Battalion, C. E. F., Victoria Fusiliers, for Duncan, where it is to be established for the Winter. Lt.-Col. Rous Cullin, the O. C., stated yesterday that the move would not be made until after New Year's Day.

In the meantime the Agricultural Hall at Duncan is being put in shape for the accommodation of the troops. Col. Cullin, however, asserts that there is nothing much to be done in this way. He says that the building is one of the finest for the purpose to which it is to be put in the West. Solidly constructed, steam heated, provided with rooms which lend themselves without alteration to an officers' mess, a sergeants' mess and men's recreation quarters, he contends that Captain T. D. Pemberton, O. C. of No. 2 Company, and his men could scarcely wish anything better. Besides, there are grounds adjoining which are admirably adapted to drill.

Referring to recruiting Col. Cullin stated that he was entirely satisfied with the manner in which the ranks were being filled. There had been a marked improvement in the number of applications recently and there was reason to believe that the unit would be at full strength in a few weeks. He was confident that, with the continuance of the present daily returns, together with the men promised from other sources, the battalion would be numerically complete early in the new year.

With regard to the holidays, Col. Cullin said that one-half of the force would be given four days over Christmas and the other a similar period over New Year's Day. The first lot would go off on December 23, returning on December 27, while the second will leave on December 30, returning on January 3. In addition to this, all members of the Fusiliers, with the exception of those employed as guards, will be off duty from 4:30 o'clock on Christmas Eve to 11:30 o'clock on the evening of Christmas Day. All ranks will return at noon for Christmas dinner, for which special preparations are being made. This, of course, does not apply to the men who will be taking advantage of the vacation to visit relatives and friends out of the city.

RETURNED SOLDIER TELLS EXPERIENCES

Trooper Robert Waddell Led Stretcher-Bearer Company in General Seeley's Regiment at the Front.

Trooper Robert Waddell, referred to yesterday morning as having arrived home on a six months' furlough, gives an interesting narrative of his services under the colors.

One of the first to volunteer, he enlisted with the 50th Regiment, leaving this city as a member of its first overseas draft on August 28 last year. At Valcartier he transferred to the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and trained at Salisbury and later at Maresfield, England, as a member of that unit. At Maresfield the Royal Canadian Dragoons were brigaded with the Strathcona Horse and the King Edward Horse under the command of General Seeley.

Following the heavy losses sustained by the Canadian forces at Neuve Chapelle and at Ypres, General Seeley's regiment volunteered for infantry service and left for the front on May 4 to form a reserve force near Ypres, and later a flying reserve brigade seeing service at various points between Ypres and La Bassee. On account of Trooper Waddell's previous knowledge of medicine and surgery, he was drafted from the ranks and given charge of a company of stretcher bearers and dressers. It was in this hazardous and important work that he served through many skirmishes and battles over what was then the entire British front, until he was so seriously wounded as to become incapacitated.

For the memorable battle of Festubert his regiment was transferred from Hill 62, slightly south of Ypres, to a point on the banks of the La Bassee Canal near Givenchy. At this point the battle was waged with fierce intensity. That night and day at Orchard Gate will be recorded as one of the bloodiest of the war. It was then the extreme southern end of the British line.

Appeals From Wounded

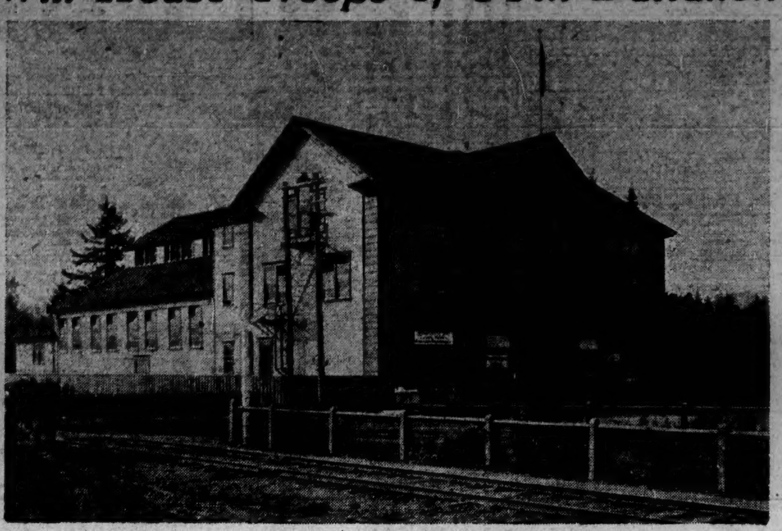
The regiment was brought up to the first line in the dead of night. It was their first experience under fire. The appeals of the wounded seemed to come from everywhere, mingling strangely with the din of screeching shells and with the pungent odors of high explosive. The battlefield was sodden and shell-scarred, and the footing in the darkness was extremely treacherous, but the work of the stretcher bearers and the dressers was unremitting. They were sensible of little else. Strangely enough, Tpr. Waddell received his first wound in billets about two miles behind the lines. His company was drawn up for inspection, when a well-placed enemy shrapnel shell wounded fourteen of their number and killed as many horses.

After a short rest his regiment was moved north into the trenches at Neuve-Eglise, familiarly known as "Plug Street" with the British Tommy. Here he was again wounded, this time more seriously. He was sent to the dressing station at Bailleul and from there to the St. John Ambulance Brigade hospital at Etaples. In due course he was transferred to the Tankerton Hospital, Whiteside, Kent, after which followed his convalescence at the Shorncliffe Military Hospital. Together with 114 others he was returned to Canada on the SS. Scandinavia, arriving at St. John on the 16th inst. His home is at Milne's Landing, near Sooke.

The Weather a Year Ago Today

Snow. Temperature, high 34 deg., low 24 deg.—remember Laxative Bromo Quinine cures a cold in one day. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." Look for signature, E. W. GROVE, 25c.

Will House Troops of 88th Battalion



The Agricultural Hall at Duncan, where the 2nd Company of the 88th Battalion Victoria Fusiliers is to be quartered for the Winter months. The announcement that the D.O.C. had sanctioned the quartering of troops in the Duncan District was received with great satisfaction by the citizens of Duncan. Arrangements are now under way whereby the soldiers will be well entertained during their stay in the up-island town.

MANY WILL ATTEND MILITARY PAGEANT

Reserved Seat Tickets for the Tournament at Willows Camp Are in Demand—Programme and Entries.

When the sale of reserved seats for the Military Tournament, which will take place this evening and tomorrow night at the Horse Show Building, Willows camp, opened yesterday afternoon at Fletcher's Music Store, there was a crowd waiting to obtain their tickets. Many were disposed of during the afternoon and it is confidently expected that all will be disposed of by tonight. If the general admission is as large as will be the number who are securing reserved accommodation the auditorium should be fully occupied for both performances. The officers in charge of the arrangements have made every preparation, not only for keen and spectacular competition, but as well for the convenience and comfort of the public.

The first event will be called at 8 o'clock sharp. The programme and the entries received need no elaboration to indicate the merit of the entertainment. They follow:

Grand March of Contestants—Headed by the massed bands of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion, Western Scots, C.E.F., 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Slatter, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F.

Centipede Race—Teams of eight men astride a 10-ft. pole. Entries: H.M.C.S. Rainbow, H.M.C.S. Shearwater, Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., "B" Section, No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F.

Competition with 6-Inch Loaders—For Challenge Cup. Teams from H.M.C.S. Rainbow, Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

The Pipes and Drums of the 67th Battalion Western Scots, under Pipe-Major Wishart, will play a march, strathsprey and reel.

Tug of War—First pull. Entries: H.M.C.S. Rainbow, H.M.C.S. Shearwater, Royal Canadian Regiment, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., 67th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., "B" Section, No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F.

Exhibition of Physical Drill by 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., 50th Regiment, Highlanders of Canada.

Blindfolded Squad Drill—Teams of eight men and N.C.O. Entries: Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve, Royal Canadian Regiment, 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., 50th Regiment, Highlanders of Canada, "B" Section, No. 1 Field Ambulance Corps, C.E.F.

The Fifes and Drums of the 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Sergeant-Drummer Rooney, will play.

Escalading by the 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F., under Major H. D. Meredith-Jones.

Tug of War—Second pull.

Wrestling on Horseback—Teams of four men. Entries: H.M.C.S. Rainbow, H.M.C.S. Shearwater, 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, 67th Battalion Western Scots, C.E.F.

Naval Field Gun Display by Royal Naval Canadian Volunteer Reserve.

Comic Field Gun Display by 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery.

Tug of War on Horseback—Entries: 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery.

Musical Ride by 11th Regiment, Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., under Captain W. D. Bruce.

At intervals during the tournament the bands of the 11th Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Slatter, 5th Regiment Canadian Garrison Artillery, under Bandmaster Smith, 67th Battalion Wetsern Scots, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Fink, and 88th Battalion, Victoria Fusiliers, C.E.F., under Bandmaster Rumsby, will play selections.

"God Save the King" by massed bands.

D.O.C. VISITS MAINLAND

Col. A. T. Ogilvie Reports That Both 121st and 131st Battalions Are Recruiting Rapidly

Col. A. T. Ogilvie, the D. O. C., returned yesterday after a visit to the Mainland. He spent some time both in Vancouver and New Westminster. Both the 121st Battalion, C. E. F., the nucleus of which was furnished by the 11th Irish Fusiliers, and the 131st Battalion, C. E. F., which is being formed from the 104th Regiment, of New Westminster, are doing well in their recruiting. The D. O. C. states that they have taken on at least 700 men between them and that there is every reason to believe that their ranks will be full at an early date. The 121st is being mobilized in Vancouver, where volunteers continue to respond in good numbers. At the Royal City the 131st is receiving a considerable accession to its strength by the young men of the Chilliwack and other neighboring districts.

PTE. H. HALLIDAY BRYANT

Who is a prisoner at the Rennbahn detention camp, Germany. He left Alberni with the first lot of volunteers from the West Coast, enlisted with the 88th Fusiliers and, after training at Valcartier and Salisbury Plains, went to the front in the Spring of this year. He was taken prisoner towards the end of April.

Emphatic Denial

Mr. J. N. Willys, president of the Willys Overland Company, of Toledo, Ohio, yesterday emphatically denied, by telegraph, the report that a merger had been effected between Willys Overland Company, the General Electric Company, and the Peerless Truck & Motor Company. He declares that Willys Overland Company is in no way connected, directly or indirectly, with any such business arrangement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed except over the proper signature of the writer. This rule admits of no exceptions.

Ore Receipts at Trail

Sir,—The information concerning the future of the mining industry of British Columbifa given by Mr. Lorne A. Campbell, M. P. P. for Rossland district, printed in this morning's Colonist, will doubtless have proved of more than ordinary interest to many readers of this newspaper. The very marked progress being made by the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, at its important and progressive smelting and refining works at Trail, within ten miles of Rossland, is certainly indicative of substantial and satisfactory extension of the mining industry of Kootenay district, and should be a source of sterling satisfaction to those who desire to see permanent industrial advancement.

There appears to me, though, to have been some misunderstanding as to ore receipts at Trail for the week ended December 2, mentioned in The Colonist article under notice. It so happens that the quantity received in that particular week, 7,081 tons, was the smallest in six months. A better idea of the improved situation in regard to ore receipts may be obtained from the following figures: The total quantity of ore received at Trail during forty-eight weeks of the current year, ended December 2, was 411,784 tons, an average of 8,579 tons a week. For the corresponding period of 1914, the total was 364,809, an average of 7,600 tons a week. A comparison of the figures for the two years shows that a total increase of 46,975 tons, or 979 tons a week, has been made this year over last.

It is of interest to note, as showing the productiveness of Rossland mines, that of this year's total receipts at Trail for the forty-eight expired weeks, namely, 411,784, Rossland's proportion was 314,101 tons, or 76 per cent of the whole. An especially gratifying reflection is that there are still large known reserves of ore in the producing mines of Rossland, so that its present prosperity is not by any means ephemeral.

E. JACOBS.

Victoria, B. C., December 15.

Fort Victoria in 1850

Sir,—The following typographical errors appear in my description of old Fort Victoria published in your issue of the 14th instant: I said "pears of sorts," not "of all sorts"; "the clergyman and schoolmaster," not "the clergyman and the schoolmaster"; "Tod's" farm, not "Todd"; "Richard Galledge," not "Colledge." Referring to the accident to Fish, the following words are omitted: "during a salute to one of the ships from England." I may add that the article is a leaf from my memoirs; hence several probably unintelligible allusions.

J. R. ANDERSON.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 15, 1915.

Owning nearly 3,000 miles of line, the Great Western Railway is the longest in Great Britain.

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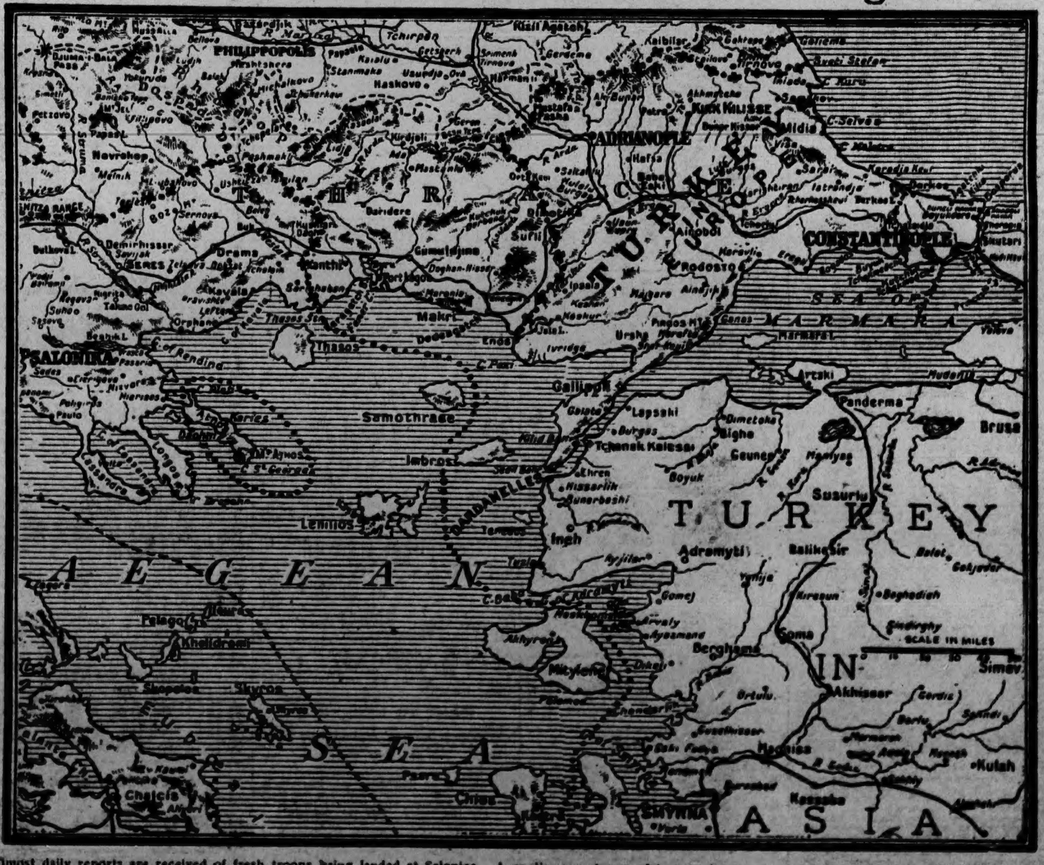

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BRASS Beds, Mission Chairs, first grade Singer machine, two Ranges, Beds, Blankets, Pillows. Follow us for bargains. Bargain House, opposite Hudson's Bay Bldg. Phone 4527L.

CORDWOOD—Best quality; stove lengths, $5; City or Esquimalt. Walker; phone 3539R1.

FINEST roots of rhubarb, raspberries, wineberries, loganberries, three for 25c; black and red cherry currant yearlings, 25c; largest phenomenal blackberries, herbs and ever-bearing strawberry plants, 75c per 100; M. M. Rudd, Buena Vista, Burnside Road. Phone 1932R1 or Market Stall 14.

FOR Sale — Arcadian Malleable Steel Range, nearly new, snap; also all kinds furniture, stoves. Grand Value Auction Rooms, 741 Pandora, next wood yard. Phone 2067.

FOR Sale—Double barrel gun in perfect condition, with case, complete, by Stevens, $15. Owens, 650 Cormorant.

FOR Sale—One valuable sealskin coat; any reasonable price accepted; 342 Oak Street, Cloverdale.

FOR Sale—Shoe repairing business, cheap; owner going to the front; 534 Montreal.

FURNITURE—Extraordinary values; high grade goods selling daily at War Panic Prices. Magnet Auction Rooms, 944 Fort, near Vancouver. Phone 3114.

GOOD tent, slightly used, 12 x 14. Apply 246 Howe Street.

GRANDFATHER'S Clock for sale cheap; phone 3463L.

HEATERS—Cheapest second-hand heaters in Victoria; all perfect, same as new; exchanges made. Eastern Stove Co., 648 Fort Street.

HEATERS—New heaters at second-hand prices; a few left which we want to clear. Colbert, 755 Broughton Street, just below new theatre.

I AM leaving after Christmas; furniture, including several Oriental rugs, for sale privately. Apply to 2721 Quadra Street. Phone 4525L.

LADY has fruit cakes for sale at 20c a pound. Box 416, Colonist.

LADY'S fur-lined coat for sale, large size. Box 407, Colonist.

MALLEABLE steel ranges, $1 down and $1 per week. 2001 Government Street.

MILLWOOD, $2.50 double load; cord wood, stove lengths, $4.50. White labor. Phone 3302R.

RHUBARB roots large quantity; a snap. Holmes, Strawberryvale.

RUMMAGE Sale—Under auspices of W. C. T. U., Scott Block, Douglas and Hillside, Saturday, December 18, from 10:30 o'clock.

SOUTHALL for stoves and ranges; next Dominion Theatre, Yates Street; exchanges made, coils made and connected; old stoves bought. Phone 4229R.

TO Dairymen—For sale, De Laval "Climax" double-end bottle filler, four-quart, five-pint; copper tank; had very little use; perfect condition; taken for debt. What offers? Box 394, Colonist.

$14.50—Men's and women's suits made to order. C. Hope, 1434 Government Street. Phone 2689.

TENDERS WANTED

TENDERS wanted for digging a well, thirty feet deep, out of town. Apply 1241 Acton Street, near Fernwood Fire Hall.

PERSONAL

A YOUNG girl commencing school for adoption; or a good home. Box 391 Colonist.

BRITISH military haircutting. Our Mr. Purchase is an expert haircutter, and particularly of this style, having been employed for ten years at J. Cousins' gentlemen's high-class hairdressing Saloon, No. 2 George Street, Plymouth, England. Mr. Purchase is now located at the Palace Barber Shop, 920 Government, just five doors north of Post Office.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS

A CHANCE—Cash paid for ladies' and gents' cast-off clothing and shoes. M. Stern, 609 Yates Street. Phone 4810.

A CHANCE to get cash for old gold and any old jewelry, watches and diamonds. M. Stern, 609 Yates Street. Phone 4814.

ATTENTION—Highest prices paid for old clothing, shoes, etc. Phone 2182. 1826 Government Street.

BEST prices paid for discarded clothes, shoes, etc. 541 Johnson Street. Phone 4423L. We call at any address.

BICYCLES—Best price given. 944 Fort.

FURNITURE and effects purchased to any amount; phone 4292 for particulars.

FURNITURE Wanted—Spot cash paid. 944 Fort. Phone 3114.

GOOD Dairy Farm of 95 acres, 50 cleared, balance slashed, stock, implements, going concern; near Duncan. Bagshawe & Co., Pemberton Building.

MILK round wanted. Box 420, Colonist.

RAGS—All sorts rags wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phone 3702.

RUBBER—Junk rubber wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phone 3702.

TOOLS—Second-hand, of all descriptions wanted. Alaska Junk Co., 1421 Store Street; corner Cormorant; phoe 3702.

WANTED—A bicycle, with 22-23 inch frame; must be in good order. Apply Box 237 Colonist.

WANTED—Bosch magneto, four cylinder. Box 4288 Colonist.

WANTED—Cascara Bark, 1915 peel, unlimited quantities. J. Howshall & Co., 408 Sayward Building, Victoria, B.C.

WANTED—Chaff cutter to work by hand. Box 370 Colonist.

WANTED cheap, baby crib. Box 427, Colonist.

WANTED—Two-minute cylinder records. Box 371 Colonist.

$5,000 WORTH of good furniture wanted. Apply Bargain House, Auctioneers and Appraisers, opposite Hudson's Bay Bldg. Phone 4527L.

TO RENT—MISCELLANEOUS

SADDLE Horse—Standard bred, quiet, for rent for half day Saturdays or Sundays, $5 per month; or will sell for $150 cash, with option to repurchase within six months at same price; horse can be seen at 400 Chester Street, corner of Fairfield Road. Phone 5215R.

TO Rent, Sell or Exchange for prairie land, 30 acres in Saanich, ten miles from Victoria, about half cleared; house, barn and good spring water. For full particulars phone 1807L.

ROOM AND BOARD

ABERDEEN—941 McClure; new, modern, private hotel; central; visitors from the Prairies will find every comfort and moderate rate; established 12 years; phone 1018.

COMFORTABLE room and board; reasonable; close in, furnace heat; 615 Vancouver Street. Phone 3320X.

COMFORTABLE room, excellent meals, nicely served, for one gentleman in private English family; near Oak Bay; cheerful society; references exchanged. Phone 3617R.

REFINED Home—$5.50 weekly. Phone 1078L.

ST. Ives Boarding House, 819 Fort Street. Well furnished, steam-heated; hot and cold water in every room; 3 meals, $1 per day; rooms, $2 week; meals, 25c. Home cooking.

FURNISHED ROOMS

BED-SITTING rooms, open fireplaces, with or without board; reasonable. Phone 3796L, 855 Vancouver.

DUNSMUIR Rooms, 730½ Fort, under new management; hot and cold water; telephone in each room. Mrs. Marr, Manager.

OSBORNE Court, 817 Maclure Street, Phone 3273. Newly furnished comfortable bedrooms with or without private bath. Building heated with hot water system. Hot and cold running water in every room.

WELL furnished rooms, telephone, strictly modern. 1020 Yates Street.

WANTED—FURNISHED ROOMS

LADY would like bedroom in return for companionship. Away during day. P. O. Box 924.

HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS

CENTRAL—good housekeeping room, $4 month. Apply 733 Discovery Street.

COMFORTABLE housekeeping room in private house; furnace heated, phone and every convenience; seven minutes from Post Office; $7. Phone 2486, or evenings, 4007L.

EXCELSIOR Housekeeping Rooms, 407 Belleville Street. Phone 902L.

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms and cabins; with all conveniences; at 1036 Hillside Avenue.

FURNISHED housekeeping rooms; en suite or single; furnace heated; clean; use phone. Apply 843 Pandora phone 3223L.

HOUSEKEEPING and bedrooms, from $5 month up. Bath and phone. 734 Humboldt Street.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms very cheap; 2842 Douglas Street.

HOUSEKEEPING rooms, $6 up; 1176 Fort Street; phone 4097L.

TWO unfurnished, cheerful rooms; gas range; side of new Drill Hall; 3421 Douglas; corner Bay $8 month.

FOR RENT—HOUSES

FOR Rent—House, 7 rooms, all modern conveniences, close to Beacon Hill Park. Apply Miss Oliphant, Park Boulevard. Phone 2143.

HOUSE—750 Market Street.

THREE-ROOM cottage to rent; light and water; $5 per month; 3055 Harriett Street, between Burnside and Gorge Roads.

TO Let—Nice bungalow; central; save car fare; 1051 Yates, vacant 18th. Phone 1314Y.

TO Rent—Cottage on Gorge, with boathouse; near car; $7 per month. Box 269 Colonist; or phone 2846L.

TWO-ROOMED cottage near Willows. Apply 1051 Burdett Avenue; phone 468R.

7-ROOM house, furnace, 2521 Shelburne, $10 monthly. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government.

FURNISHED HOUSES TO LET

BUNGALOW—Close Willows; 5 rooms; piano, phone 3587.

FOR Rent—James Bay district; near to Park; six-roomed furnished bungalow; modern. Box 320 Colonist.

NEW modern house of 9 rooms with garage, centrally located. Phone 3444.

TO Rent Furnished—A five-roomed bungalow; furnace and piano; four minutes' walk from car; $16 per month. Apply "Fernhurst," Burnside Road. Phone 1744L.

WELL furnished modern 8-roomed house, furnace, open fireplaces, near park and sea. Phone 3316L.

TEACHERS WANTED

WANTED—Intermediate and junior grade teachers, also lady teacher, qualified to instruct class for the mentally deficient or backward pupils. Apply stating age, qualifications and salary expected to R. H. Gray, Secretary Board of School Trustees, New Westminster.

WANTED—Teacher for Malahat School District, Shawnigan Lake P. O.; experience and ability to teach necessary; salary $75 per month first term. Jas. Fond, Secretary

WANT TO EXCHANGE

WANTED—Acreage, Cordova Bay; cleared preferred, in exchange for two adjoining Fairfield lots; clear title. Box 14 Colonist.

WANTED to Exchange—An interest in good copper zinc proposition for forty foot launch; must have sleeping accommodations and galley. Box 489, Colonist.

WE specialise in exchanging all classes of property; 400 trades to choose from. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government Street.

WOULD exchange good low-down force pump for bricks. Box 402, Colonist.

WANT—FURNISHED HOUSES

WANTED—To rent, four or five-roomed house, fully furnished, careful and reliable tenant. Apply Box 309 Colonist.

WANTED to rent; small furnished bungalow, suitable for bachelor. Box 294, Colonist.

FLATS OR APARTMENTS

A FEW unfurnished suites still available. Savoy Mansions.

BETTER see the Belwil Apartments; they are warm, furnished, newly decorated; lots of hot water; 2914 Douglas.

FURNISHED Apartments, Beacon Hill Park; modern, reasonable. Phone R2866

GLENGARRY, 316 Cook Street, up-to-date. Phones 5198 or 5337L.

MORRISON Mansions, corner Hilda and Chester, Fairfield; large furnished suite.

MOUNTVIEW Apartments, Fairfield. Rents reduced. 2-room suites, bath, pantry, furnished $9, unfurnished $5. Campbell Bros., 1007 Government St.

SUITE of rooms; piano, gas, etc.; phone mornings, 5067R.

THREE-ROOMED furnished flat, 2640 Work Street. Phone 3299L.

TWO flats, one four rooms, other three rooms, with all conveniences. Apply 423 Parry Street, James Bay.

3 FRONT rooms furnished. 1007 Collinson.

WANT—FLATS OR APARTM'TS

WANTED—Furnished flat, 3 to 6 rooms, close to Willows or Fort Street car line. Box 280, Colonist.

AUTOMOBILES

AUTOMOBILES for Sale—Ford model T, good running order, $150; 1913 Chalmers, Bosch magneto, two new tires, owner must sell, price $250; 1912 Ford, 1913 Ford, 1912 McLaughlin, $275; Ford truck. Cameron, 521 Superior Street, behind Parliament Buildings; phone 1074.

FOR Sale—Chalmers touring, torpedo model, $225. Auto Exchange, View St.

FOR Sale—Ford roadster in perfect shape, $300. Cameron, 521 Superior Street.

FOR Sale—Will sell my 5-passenger Studebaker for $375; electric lights; spare rim and tire; in good condition. Phone 3703 or 2487 Florence Street.

ONE second-hand 1912 five-passenger Cadillac; just repainted and overhauled and new battery fitted. Price, $850. Plimley's Garage, Johnson Street.

ONE 1913 five-passenger Ford, perfect order; very little used. Price, $350. Plimley's Garage, Johnson Street.

ONE 1913 two-passenger Ford, good as new. Price, $350. Plimley's Garage, Johnson Street.

ONE 1913 Chalmers, five-passenger, self starter, perfect order. Price, $700. Plimley's Garage, Johnson Street.

WANTED—Ford touring car, willing to pay $50 down and $25 per month; must be late model and in good condition. Box 356, Colonist.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

ALL bred to registered ram; for sale, thirty Hampshire Down ewes; price, $8; fifteen ewe lambs, $5. Ian Mair, Sidney, B. C.

A THOROUGHBRED Jersey just freshened; for sale. W. E. Heal, Royal Oak.

BEAUTIFUL singing canaries. 1350 Bay Street.

DELIVERY horse wanted, hire or buy by instalments. Box 419, Colonist.

EXCHANGE—Beautiful Persian kittens for singing canaries. Box 555, Colonist.

FOR Sale—Boston Bull "Tipperary Toss" (C. K. C. 15,604); prizewinner; age fourteen months; weight seventeen pounds; house trained lady's pet, or would make good stud; robust and handsome. Raymond Castle, 1520 Gladstone Avenue; phone 2738X.

FOR Sale—Cute little collie pups; make nice Christmas presents; $2 each. Box 426, Colonist.

FOR Sale—One grade Jersey heifer; milking 2 gallons; bred in September; very gentle; price $75. One fresh calved heavy milking Shorthorn, price, $125. Address Box 361 Colonist.

FOR Sale—Two pure bred Holstein cows, with good pedigrees; 7 gallon cows; both just coming in by one of the best bulls on the Island; overstocked. For particulars, apply W. Heaton, Saanichton, B.C.

FOR Sale—Young pigs; nine weeks; $4 each. Enquire Lohr, Colwood P. O.

IF you have live chickens, hens and ducks for sale; phone 4344; highest cash price paid.

JAPANESE Live Pheasants; Soemmering and Versicolor; specially selected, for sale by Alan Owston (Naturalist), Yokohama, Japan.

NO further use for heavy team, will trade for anything useful or cheap lot. Box 377, Colonist.

PEDIGREED Fox Terrier puppies, prize-winning stock; excellent for Christmas presents. Rev. J. W. Flinton. Phone 226R1.

THREE-year-old Jersey; third calf in March; quiet; Government tested; 417 Constance Avenue, Esquimalt.

WANTED—Live turkeys, chickens and ducks. Phone 5296Y; address, 2531 Cedar Hill Road.

LOST AND FOUND

A SUM of money found in T. N. Hibben & Co.'s. The party losing it can have the same by proving ownership. Apply at the office.

FOUND—A bob-tailed sheep dog. Owner can have same by giving full particulars and paying expenses. If not owned in three (3) days will be sold for same. Box 393 Colonist.

HORSE strayed from pasture, a bay gelding, weighing 1,000 lbs., and about 14 hands high. Finder please report to Ronald C. McRae, Cedar Hill Road. Phone 450R1.

LOST—At Tripp, black and white Setter dog. Kindly inform C. T. Atherton, West End Grocery, City.

LOST—Black Cocker Spaniel turning grey around nose, collar stamped "Baron." Reward. Bishop Hardware Co.

LOST—Gold curb bracelet Sunday evening; finder rewarded. Phone 5031L.

LOST—Lady's brooch, in Oak Bay, Sunday. Return 362 Sunrise Avenue. Reward.

LOST—Overland motor car crank handle on Esquimalt Road. Return to 1205 Broad Street. Reward.

LOST—Part of automobile headlight Sunday; phone 3251.

LOST—Small gold bar brooch with diamond setting. Reward. Phone 1314X.

BUSINESS CHANCES

AN excellent opportunity for two hustlers take over close-in grocery business; little capital required. Box 362 Colonist.

CANADIAN and U. S. patent "Clock Operated Switches." Object is to turn on and put out the light at certain predetermined times; is used in shop show window lighting at night after dark and after shop closed in order to draw the attention of the passers by to the articles displayed in the window. For sale or royalty. Box 224, Colonist.

CONFECTIONERY store and lunch counter for sale cheap. Apply 652 Yates Street; Wilson pool room.

FAIRfield lot, clear title and little cash for working interest in any good business by A1 Accountant with local references. Box 272, Colonist.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS—"World's Greatest War" going like a whirlwind. Sample book and Christmas Catalogue free on promise to canvass. Experience unnecessary. Make seven dollars daily. Bradley-Garretson, Brantford, Ontario.

CROFT & ASHBY

Phone 2000—634 View Street—P. O. Box 900

TIMBER Lands—Over 50,000,000,000 feet in British Columbia, Oregon and Washington.

MINES, farms, pulp propositions.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF B. C.

In the Matter of the Estate of Margaret Eliza McTavish, deceased, late of the City of Victoria.

All persons having claims against the estate of the above named deceased are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of December, 1915.

Dated November 12, 1915.

E. E. WOOTTON,
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B.C.
Solicitor for the Executors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of Albert Teller, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the above Estate are required to send particulars thereof, duly verified, and all persons indebted to the Estate are required to pay such indebtedness to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1916.

E. E. WOOTTON.
Bank of Montreal Chambers, Victoria, B.C.,
Solicitor for the Executrix.
Dated Dec. 10th, 1915.

Synopsis of Coal Mining Regulations

COAL mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5, which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined, and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, but the lessee may be permitted to purchase whatever available surface rights may be considered necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of $10 an acre.

For full information application should be made to the Secreary of the Deparment of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—58782.

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that an Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session by the Corporation of the City of Victoria for an Act:

1. RE DENMAN STREET WIDENING: Authorizing the Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria by By-law to extend, from ten years to twenty-five years, the time for payment of the assessment under By-law No. 1232 of the said Corporation (known as "Local Improvement Authorization By-law No. 409," and relating to the widening of Denman Street in said City; and to repeal By-law No. 1880 of said Corporation (being a By-law to borrow $31,873.03 upon debentures to pay the cost of said widening and imposing a special assessment for payment of the owners' portion of the cost of such widening and interest thereon); and to prepare and make a new special assessment and assessment roll in relation to said widening and pass a new By-law in substitution for said By-law No. 1830 whereby the debentures to be issued for said purpose shall be payable in twenty-five years (instead of ten years) from the time of the issue thereof, and making said special assessment payable in twenty-five (instead of ten) annual instalments accordingly.

2. To validate the following By-laws of the said Corporation:

(a) By-law No. 1133 known as the "North West District Sewer By-law, 1911";

(b) By-law No. 1595, known as the "Additional North West Sewer Expropriation By-law, 1912";

(c) By-law No. 1623, known as the "North West District Sewer By-law, 1911, Amendment By-law, 1912."

3. For such further powers and relief as may be necessary or convenient in connection with any of the above matters.

DATED at the City of Victoria this 4th day of December, A.D. 1915.

R. W. HANNINGTON,
Solicitor for the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

DOMINION OF CANADA, PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In the Matter of the Administration Act and in the Matter of the Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, and in the Matter of the Estate of William Bernard Smith, Deceased.

To Wit:

We, Jean Smith, widow of William Bernard Smith, and James Street Brandon, Barrister, both of the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, do solemnly declare:

1. We are Executrix and Executor respectively of the Estate of the said William Bernard Smith, deceased.

2. We have examined into the affairs of the said Estate, and find that the same is insolvent.

And we make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

"JEAN SMITH."
"J. S. BRANDON."

Declared before me at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 11th day of December, A.D. 1915.

W. R. VAUGHAN.
A Commissioner for taking Affidavits within British Columbia.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Administration Act and the Creditors' Trust Deeds Act, we have this day, by the above declaration, declared the Estate of the late William Bernard Smith, who formerly carried on business as the "Victoria Undertaking Parlors," Victoria, B.C., insolvent.

All creditors are desired to forthwith place with the said Jean Smith and James Street Brandon, claims duly verified by declaration.

A meeting of creditors will be held at Room 609, B. C. Permanent Loan Building, Douglas Street, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, the 22nd day of December, 1915, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, to receive statement of affairs, and the creditors are hereby notified to attend either in person or by representative.

And further take notice that on and after the 17th day of January, 1916, the said Executrix and Executor will distribute the assets of the insolvent among persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been received, and will not be liable for the said assets, or any part thereof, of any person or persons of whose claim notice shall not have been received at the above last-mentioned date.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 11th day of December, 1915.

"JEAN SMITH,"
Executrix.
"JAS. S. BRANDON,"
Executor.

"LAND ACT AMENDMENT ACT, 1912"

NOTICE is hereby given that the Minister of Lands has ordered a re-survey of Sections 14 and 15, Range VI, Sections 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, Ranges VI, VII, and VIII, Cowichan District, and Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, Ranges VI and VII, and Sections 1, 2 and 3, Range VIII, Comiaken District, under Section 155, as re-enacted by the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1912."

Any person claiming to have knowledge of any facts or to be in possession of any information in relation to the boundaries sought to be established, shall give notice thereof to the undersigned within sixty (60) days from this date.

Department of Lands,
Victoria, B. C.
December 9, 1915

G. H. DAWSON,
Surveyor General.

LIQUOR LICENCE ACT.

Notice is hereby given that on the twenty-seventh day of December next, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for the grant of a licence for the of liquor by wholesale in and upon the premises known as 1210 Wharf Street, situate at Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 19th day of November, 1915.

ESQUIMALT BREWING CO.
Per A. Harvey,
Applicant.

MAIL CONTRACT

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 14th January, 1916, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails on a proposed contract for four years as required times per week each way, between Victoria Post Office and Street Letter Boxes, Parcel Receptacles, Sub-Post Offices, etc., from the Postmaster General's pleasure.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Victoria.

Post Office Department, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 25th November, 1915.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Superintendent.

MILITARY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, ESQUIMALT, B. C.

Tenders are wanted for the supply of fresh and other provisions for the above named hospital.

Forms of tender and specification of goods required can be obtained at the Commissioner's Office, 1211 Broad Street, Victoria.

Tenders must be received not later than noon, December 22, 1915.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR ENTRANCE TO THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE, KINGSTON, ONT.

A SUPPLEMENTARY examination for entrance to the Royal Military College will be held on Monday, January 10, 1916, in order to fill forty vacancies that have been created by Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, who have been granted commissions in the Canadian and Imperial forces.

This examination is open to all British subjects between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one years inclusive, unmarried, and who have resided, or whose parents have resided, in Canada for two years immediately preceding the date of examination.

Application by the parent or guardian of any intending candidate to be made in writing to the Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, not later than Monday, December 20, 1915, accompanied by:

(a) Certified birth certificate in duplicate.

(b) Certificate of good moral character signed by the head of the school or college at which the candidate has received his education for at least the two preceding years or by a clergyman of the place of worship attended by the candidate; and,

(c) Remittance for $5.00 in favor of the Receiver General.

Any further particulars regarding said examination can be obtained from the secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont.

EUGENE FISET
Surgeon-General
Deputy Minister
Department of Militia and Defence
Ottawa, December 4, 1915

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from the Department.
(H.Q. 74-49-14.)—89,112.

LOCAL MARKETS

Vegetables.

Beets, lb.	.02½
Brussels Sprouts, lb.	.10
Cabbage, lb.	.03
Carrots, lb.	.02½
Cauliflower, each	.15 and .20
Celery, Okan., bunch	.05
Celery, local, lb.	.10
Citron, lb.	.03
Cucumbers, H. H., each	.10 and .20
Egg Plant, lb.	.12
Lettuce, local, head	.05
Lettuce, H.H., 3 bunches	.10
Marrows, lb.	.03
Onions, Green, 3 bunches	.10
Onions, Dry, 12 lbs.	.25
Parsley, bunch	.05
Peppers, lb.	.15 and .25
Potatoes, Ashcroft, sack	1.00
Potatoes, River, sack	.75
Potatoes, local, sack	.90
Potatoes, Sweet, 6 lbs.	.25
Pumpkin, lb.	.02
Turnips, 15 lbs.	.25
Tomatoes, local, H.H., lb.	.20
Watercress, bunch	.05

Fruit.

Apples, local, 6 lbs.	.25
Apples, Jonathan No. 1 box	1.50 and 2.00
Apples, box	1.00 to 1.25
Bananas, dozen	.30
Cranberries, Eastern, lb.	.20
Grapes, Tokay, basket	.65
Grapes, Malagra, lb.	.25
Grapes, local, H. H., bskt	.50
Grapefruit, Cal., 2 bskts.	.25
Grapefruit, Cal., lower grade, 3 for	.25
Lemons, Cal., dozen	.25 and .30
Oranges, Valencia, dozen	.20, 40 and .50
Melons, Casaba	.35

Sugar.

B. C. Granulated, 20 lbs.	1.60
B. C. Granulated, 100 lbs.	7.75

Dairy Produce and Eggs.

Butter—	
Comox, lb.	.40
Cowichan Creamery, lb.	.45
Eastern Creamery, lb.	.35
Northwest Creamery, lb.	.45
Cheese—	
Canadian, lb.	.25
Canadian Stilton, lb.	.30
English Stilton, lb.	.60
Eggs, local, dozen	.65

Fish.

Bloaters, lb.	.10
Cod, lb.	.10
Cod Fillets, lb.	.15
Finan Haddie, lb.	.15
Halibut, lb.	.12½
Halibut, smoked, lb.	.18
Herring, lb.	.05
Herring, Kippered, lb.	.10
Oysters, Esquimalt, dozen	.30
Salmon, frozen, lb.	.30
Salmon, smoked, lb.	.20 to .25
Salmon, lb.	.15
Salmon, Spring, lb.	.12½
Salmon, Kippered, lb.	.18
Skate, lb.	.10
Smelts, lb.	
Soles, lb.	.10
Whiting, lb.	.12½

Feed.

Barley, 100 lbs.	2.00
Oats, 100 lbs.	1.60
Barley, ground, 100 lbs.	2.00
Bran, 100 lbs.	1.40
Corn, 100 lbs.	2.10
Corn, cracked, 100 lbs.	2.20
Oats, crushed, 100 lbs.	1.70
Shorts, 100 lbs.	1.50
Wheat, No. 1, 100 lbs.	2.10
Wheat, No. 2, 100 lbs.	2.00
Hay, Alfalfa, ton	22.00 to 24.00
Hay, Timothy, ton	20.00 to 22.00
Straw, bale	.60

Flour.

B. and K. Bread Flour 49-lb. sack	1.75
Purity, 49-lb. sack	1.75
Five Roses, 49-lb. sack	1.75
Robin Hood, 49-lb. sack	1.75
Royal Household, 49-lb. sack	1.70
Royal Standard, 49-lb. sk	1.70
Gold Seal, 49-lb. sack	1.70
Snowflake, 49-lb. sack	1.75
Wild Rose, 49-lb. sack	1.70

Meats.

Beef, loin roasts, lb.	.22 to .30
Beef, boiling, lb.	.10 to .12½
Mutton, forequarters, lb.	.18
Mutton, hindquarters, lb.	.20 to .25
Mutton, leg, lb.	.25
Mutton, loin, lb.	.22
Chicken, lb.	.23 to .30
Fowl, lb.	.16 to .20
Broilers, lb.	.18 to .25
Fryers, each	.45
Ducks, young, lb.	.25 to .30
Geese, lb.	.25
Bacon, Canadian Sugar Cured, lb.	.25 to .30
Hams, Canadian Sugar Cured, lb.	.18 to .25
Pork, Shoulders, lb.	.15 to .18
Pork, Loins, lb.	.22
Pork, Legs, lb.	.18 to .20
Pork Sausage, pure	.20
Turkeys, cold storage, lb.	.30

VICTORIA STOCK EXCHANGE

	Bid.	Asked
Blackbird Syndicate	$ 16.00	$ 23.00
Can. Copper Co.	2.00	2.25
Crow's Nest Coal	.05	.....
Can. Cons. S. and R.	120.00	.....
Coronation Gold	.10	.12
Granby	79.00	80.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	.09	.10
Lucky Jim Zinc	.07½	.08
McGillivray Coal	.14	.17
Portland Canal	.01	.01½
Rambler Cariboo	.17	.19
Red Cliff	.....	.09
Standard Lead	1.96	2.05
Snowstorm	.15	.27
Stewart M. and D.	.....	.75
Slocan Star	.17	.14
Stewart Land	.....	7.00
Victoria Phoenix Brewery	.....	115.00
Unlisted Stocks—		
American Marconi	3.45	4.05
Canadian Marconi	1.090	1.25
Glacier Creek	.....	.04
Island Investment	.....	22.00
Union Club Deb. old	.....	90.00
Union Club Deb. new	.....	10.00
Portland Tunnels	.....	.06
Victoria Opera House Deb.	.....	90.00
Howe Sound Mining Co.	4.10	4.25
Pingree Mines	.....	.10
University School Deb.	.....	100.00

ANGLO-FRENCH BONDS THROWN ON MARKET

First Day of Open Dealing Sees Price Take Decline—Few Other Securities Get Attention on Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The one overshadowing and somewhat disturbing feature of today's professional market was the fall in Anglo-French 5 per cent bonds, to 94⅛ for regular and future delivery. This quotation represented a decline of 2⅞ points from the point of offering, a drop of 2⅛ under the syndicate and underwriting prices.

Expiration of the 60-day syndicate agreement, which precluded free and unrestricted offerings the day before, was the signal for a general selling movement, which had its inception at the outset of the session, and continued with little interruption to the close, before which time they recovered to 94⅝. Total sales approximated $3,400,000, or about 30 per cent of the day's business in the bond division.

An interesting sidelight on the movement of Anglo-French bonds was afforded by another reduction in the subscription prices of German, Austrian and Hungarian Government bonds traded on here. These have suffered a steady downward revision, mainly in consequence of the corresponding depreciation of the exchange between this country and the countries of the Central Empires. As a token of this condition, remittances to Berlin today registered the new minimum of 76⅜.

Dealings in stocks were nominal, aside from the feverish activity displayed by such issues as Mercantile Marine preferred, oil stocks, like Texas Company, Studebaker, and a few of the recently active war stocks.

Investment shares, including rails, were irregular at first, becoming heavy later. Trading in these stocks was at all times obscured by the manipulation in specialties.

United States Steel was constantly under pressure, rising and falling within narrow limits, and closing at 86⅛, a loss of ⅝. Bethlehem Steel made a net gain of 8, to 482, and General Motors fell 18, to 533. Total sales of stocks were 630,000 shares.

Bonds as a whole were heavy in sympathy with the weakness of the Anglo-French issues. Total sales, par value, $7,270,000. United States registered 4's advanced ½ per cent on call.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	High	Low	Bid
Alaska Gold	25	24¼	24¼
Allis-Chalmers	32½	32	32
Allis-Chalmers pfd.	83	82½	82
Amn. Coal Pdks.	153½	152	152
Amn. Agr. Chemical	....	....	70½
Amn. Beet Sugar	71⅝	70¼	70½
Amn. Can.	61⅛	60½	60½
Amn. Car and Fdy.	81	79⅞	80¼
Amn. Steel Fdy.	62¼	61½	61¾
Amn. Woolen	....	....	47
Amn. Locomotive	70¼	69	69
Amn. Smelting	99⅝	98⅝	98⅝
Amn. Sugar	116¼	116	115
Amn. Tel. and Tel.	128⅝	128⅜	127
Anaconda	86⅝	86⅜	86
Atchison	106⅜	106	106
Balto. and Ohio	92⅞	92⅝	92⅝
Bethlehem Steel	480	470	481
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	....	....	88¼
C. P. R.	181½	180⅝	180⅝
Cal. Petroleum	32	31	31½
Central eLather	54⅛	53⅜	53½
Ches. and Ohio	....	....	61⅜
C. and G. W.	15	14⅞	14⅞
C. and G. W. pfd.	39⅛	39	39
C. M. and St. Paul	93⅝	93¼	93½
Colo. Fuel and Iron	52⅝	51⅝	51¼
Crucible Steel	74	72½	72¼
Con. Gas	143¼	143	143½
Distillers Sec.	47	45⅝	46
Erie	43¼	42⅝	42⅝
Erie 1st pfd.	57⅝	56½	56½
Erie 2nd pfd.	....	....	48
Genl. Motors	542	533	533
Goodrich	74⅜	73⅝	73⅜
Great Northern pfd.	128⅝	125¼	125¼
Gt. Nor. Ore. ctfs.	49	48¼	48⅜
Guggenheim	77⅝	77	76⅝
nlspiration	45⅝	44½	44½
Inter-Metropolitan	....	....	22
Baldwin	118⅜	115⅝	116⅜
Lackawanna	83⅝	82½	82
Kas. City Southern	31⅛	31	31¼
Louis and Nash.	....	....	128
Lehigh Valley	82½	82	81½
Mackay Co.'s	....	....	78
Maxwell Motor	77⅝	76	75⅝
Mex. Petroleum	101½	98⅝	100
Midvale Steel	....	....	71
M. S. P. and S. S. M.	123⅝	123	123¼
M. K. and T.	....	....	6
M. K. and T. pfd.	....	....	15½
M. Pacific	3⅝	3⅜	3⅝
N. Y. Air Brake	....	....	136
Nat. eLad	....	....	64
Nevada Cons.	16¼	16⅛	16⅛
New Haven	75½	74	74⅜
N. Y. Central	105⅞	105	105⅝
N. Y. O. and W.	30⅛	30¼	30
Norfolk and West.	122½	121⅝	121½
North America Co.	73	72⅝	73
Northern Pacific	116	115⅝	115⅝
Pacific Mail	11⅝	11⅛	11½
Pennsylvania	58⅞	58⅝	58⅝
People's Gas	....	....	114
Pittsburg Coal	37⅞	36⅝	37
Pittsburg Coal pfd.	113	110	110⅞
Pressed Steel Car	64¼	64	64¼
Railway Steel Spring	45	44⅝	44⅝
Reading	82⅝	81	80⅝
Rep. Iron and Steel	56⅛	55	55½
Rep. Iron and Steel pfd.	....	....	110
Sloss Sheffield	63⅛	62½	62½
Southern Pac.	101⅝	100⅝	100⅝
Sou. Railway	22⅝	22⅝	22⅝
Sou. Railway pfd.	....	....	61½
Standard Milling	....	....	84
Studebaker Corpn.	176½	172⅞	173¼
Tenn. Copper	58	57⅛	57
Texas Pacific	....	....	15
Twin City	....	....	95½
Union Pacific	137⅝	137¼	137⅛
Union Pacific pfd.	....	....	82½
U. S. Rubber	54½	54	54
U. S. Rubber 1st pfd.	....	....	108¼
U. S. Realty	....	....	42
U. S. Steel	87	86¼	86
U. S. Steel pfd.	116⅛	116⅛	116⅛
Utah Copper	80⅝	79⅞	79⅝
Va. Car. Chemical	....	....	46⅝
Va. Car. Chemical pfd.	....	....	112
Western Union	....	....	89
Westinghouse	68⅛	67½	68⅛
Wisconsin Central	....	....	38
Granby Boston	79½	78½	77½
Willys-Overland	....	....	245

Total sales, 617,000.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15.—The Winnipeg cash market was dull, deadly dull, in fact, though premiums were maintained without change all morning. Oats were not wanted any more than wheat. The cash and export situations are closely allied at the present time. Export is being confined mainly to stocks now at seaboard and export houses are avoiding new obligations entailing all-rail shipments until such time as they have a better line-up on what the railways will be able to do in that direction. A dull close followed a dull day.

December closed at 107⅝, and May at 111⅝, a drop for December of ⅛c and a gain for May of ⅛c. Oats closed with December at 38⅜, and May at 41½, a drop for December and May of ⅛c.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
Dec.	108¼	107⅝
May	111½	111⅝
Oats—		
Dec.	38⅜	38⅜
May	41⅝	41½
Flax—		
Dec.	182	180⅞
May	188¾	188

Winnipeg cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 107⅝; 2 Nor., 105⅝; 3 Nor., 100⅝; No. 4, 97⅝.

Oats—2 C. W., 38¼; 3 C. W., 35⅛; extra 1 feed, 35⅝; 1 feed, 33¼; 2 feed, 33⅛.

Flax—1 N. W. C., 180⅝; 2 C. W., 177⅝.

Silver Spring Beer, 2 quarts for 25c.

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—In the butter market, the feeling is strong. Cheese is quiet, and the demand for eggs good.

Cheese—Finest Westerns, 17⅝ to 18; finest Easterns, 17¼ to 17¾.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 33½ to 34; seconds, 31½ to 32.

Eggs—Fresh, 48 to 52; selected, 33; No. 1 stock, 30.

Pork—Heavy Canada short mess, 29½; Canada short cut back, 28½.

JOURNALIST WHO WARS WITH CENSOR

M. Clemenceau Is Optimist, but Not of Silly and Shallow Variety—M. Gustave Herve Is Interviewed.

(By Dr. Arthur Lynch, M.P.)

"I would rather speak with you this morning, Monsieur Clemenceau, than with any other man in Paris?" I said.

"Because?"

"Because you are the one man free enough and courageous enough to say what you mean."

The old man's eyes twinkled. "Good, good, you are right there! You have seen all the ministers, I suppose, and not one has said anything worth listening to. Their opinions must necessarily be made on a pattern, and you know beforehand what they are going to say. In 'L'Homme Enchaine' I never say anything that can be useful to the enemy, yet I am a partizan of truth. I think it salutary for the public. But the censor—I think that institution is even more stupid with us than with you."

And M. Clemenceau cast up his eyes to heaven, as if to say that stupidity was circumambient, constant, inevitable.

It was in a modest abode, au fond de la cour (at the further end of the courtyard), in the Rue Franklin, that I found M. Clemenceau quite early one morning, for this Warwick of Cabinets, the redoubtable "tiger" of politics, is a man of quiet tastes and domestic habits. But democracy in Paris never excludes art. While waiting for him I had leisure to admire the many reminders of Greece in her affluence, and to recognize how deeply imbued with the love of Hellenic things is this doughty political leader.

L'Homme Enchaine

M. Clemenceau has been Prime Minister of France; but even then he gave himself no airs of stertorous dignity. Since the formation of the present French Government he has been invited, even pressed, to take office, but has refused, partly because there are so many there that he finds it impossible to work with, and partly because he has more freedom, more opportunity to say the words that count, sitting in his little office of "L'Homme Enchaine," than in the gilded seats of power. Moreover, that is more to his liking.

And so every morning this little sheet appears, enjoys a select circulation, and yet weighs always in the councils of Government. "L'Homme Enchaine" often appears with big white gaps. That means that the censor and M. Clemenceau are at war to the knife, or rather to the scissors; the censor gets in some ugly wounds, but these are never mortal. No. That is not quite correct. He did, in fact, kill M. Clemenceau's paper when it was called "L'Homme Libre"; "L'Homme Enchaine" appeared in its place, and that is the reason of the curious title. It is impressive to see in the meagre space of "L'Homme Enchaine" a column and a half of white, surmounted by the title of the article, and finished by the name Georges Clemenceau. Occasionally the struggle is still more bitter, and only the name remains. The public and the Government look at these spaces of Sphinx-like eloquence, and they feel that the censor has won a Pyrrhic victory.

M. Clemenceau was born in Brittany, but his friends have assured him that he is tinctured with a Mongol type, and that certainly he must have descended from one of the chiefs of the army of Attilo. He reminded me vaguely of another eminent man, the Marquis Ito, with his high cheekbones, his clewed-up eyes twinkling with intelligence. M. Clemenceau is now seventy-five. He said he suffered from nothing except that he was old. A friend could safely deny that, for his strong figure, his energy, and fire might be envied by many a man of forty.

On the whole he is an optimist, but not of the shallow and silly variety. He criticises without dread, and he touches even on sacred figures. "Joffre," he says, "is a good sort. As for the Government!" He held up his hands. "Lawyers! lawyers! Parliamentarians! Parliamentarians!" Enough was said.

He has no doubt of the final result, but the fight will be long and terrible. We can only beat the Germans by using up their men. In all other things they are equal to ourselves. The Germans, he says, are not great individually, but they are formidable as links of a great machine.

I asked him if he had ever met Wilhelm II. He said no; that he had been asked to meet him, but he had always refused. He felt that he could not speak to him frankly without infringing the rules of courtesy, and he did not care to speak to him on any other terms. Though so critical by nature, M. Clemenceau spoke enthusiastically of the spirit of France, and he told me stories that made me exclaim, "Why, that is as great as the old Revolutionary days."

"Greater," he replied. "In that time people were intoxicated with a vision of a new world which they had not yet brought to a reality. Now, however, they are fighting without disillusion. They do not want to fight for the sake of fighting, but they are fighting for a great principle, and they are determined to fight till victory is won. When the last German has fallen we shall all be ruined, but we shall have saved civilisation for our descendants."

That is a note which I heard again and again in France. The French look upon themselves as the guardians of a sacred gift, and the price of its defence is the blood of a generation.

Citizen Herve

M. Herve, the editor of "La Guerre Sociale," is also a native of Brittany, but in him the type is unmistakable. One feels it in his cordial welcome, his sparkling eye, his vibrant style, his voice and face, the warmth of his affections, his idealism.

This is the same terrible M. Herve who not long ago was detested by all the militarists, who was imprisoned for refusing to discontinue his peace propaganda, who alarmed even the followers of Jaures, who was unrepentant and untamed after imprisonment, but who is now loved even by the Chauvins (French Jingoes). And yet M. Herve has not changed. He is a lover of peace, but when the safety of France is threatened he will defend her to the last. He hates militarism; but that makes him the less inclined to see Kaiserism victorious in Europe. Better die than that!

And, therefore, whereas before the war "La Guerre Sociale" was an advanced Socialist and peace organ, making a modest weekly appearance, now "La Guerre Sociale" flames out day by day with heartening messages, and reveals itself an organ of comfort to thousands.

I found the famous editor in a back parlor of a modest building, in an unpretentious street; but wherever M. Herve might be found the atmosphere could not be dull. Short, thick-set, square-headed, with a pointed beard, short-sighted eyes, M. Harve looks on the world with the eyes of the mind, and he glows with Celtic spirit.

"Le Guerre Sociale" is a one-man paper, although Citizen Herve, as he calls himself, and not Monsieure Herve, makes all his collaborateurs his friends. A vast amount of toil falls on his shoulders, but he does not flinch. Thus, all day long he may be found, often with a sandwich for his dinner, but with the wine of life, and the flow of great thoughts as refreshers.

"This is our trench," he said, indicating his bare little room.

"It is a trench of attack as well as of defence. M. Herve sees in this war the fight of the great ideas of the Revolution against the power of Imperial Despotism, and he will not let himself think otherwise than that these great ideals must prevail. Hohenzollernism must be scourged out of Europe.

Certainly that fight will be severe, but we are here to fight, he says.

The erstwhile anti-militarist has sharpened his sword of battle. The light of combat is in his eye. He is on the path of the Dragon, Brute-Force. —London Daily Chronicle.

H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA'S SHARE IN GREAT WAR

Commonwealth's Battle-Cruiser, Now With Grand Fleet, Has Covered Many Thousand Miles Since August, 1914.

The H. M. A. S. battle cruiser Australia, the property of the far-off Commonwealth, is a very real part of the British Navy today. Stripped ready for action, with her eight 12-inch guns sniffing the air as if trying to scent the enemy, she seems to breathe the defiant spirit of the Australian in war. One fancies as the heavy swell beats past the long grey hull and the giant vessel tugs at her moorings, that the Australia, like the heroes who fought at Anzac, is chafing at the restraint—all eager for the fray. A magnificent sight, this first view of the Grand Fleet, with the line of battleships flanked and guarded by destroyers, but it is the Australia's position in the line that delights the proud Colonials. For her nearest neighbors are none other than the war-scarred Lion and Tiger.

When it was suggested that Australia should have a navy of her own there were many critics of the project, but, during the last two or three years at all events, it has been freely conceded that the right course was taken. As soon as the war broke out the Australian Government placed all its resources under the control of the Admiralty, and no one would now deny that in rounding up the German raiders the battle cruiser Australia more than justified the Commonwealth's naval policy. It was this battle cruiser, with her 12-inch guns, that the raiders feared to meet, and it was her presence that made the Germans scurry from port to port, until finally they had to accept fight off the Falkland Islands. It was with these thoughts in my mind that I stepped off the bobbing pinnace on to the Australia's gangway, wries a correspondent.

The Love of Sport

Could I give but a glimpse of the Australia and her crew to the mothers and sisters in the far-off dominion there would be fewer anxious faces there today. Never was there a healthier or jollier set of men. The deep tan picked up in the Pacific under the tropical sun is still on their faces, but their eyes are brightened, and their color freshened by the bracing cold of the North Sea Winter. As I clambered up the swaying gangways there were two officers waiting. One was an Englishman, the other an Australian. It is not betraying a secret—nor was it altogether a surprise—that before I had been on board many minutes I was asked about an Australian race. The love of sport is a characteristic of the Australian, and he never forgets his old habits, his delights of the "old days" before the war. I found Australian newspapers four months old still being passed around from man to man and eagerly read.

Out of a total complement of 1,000 men, 600 are Australians. When they were first transferred to the North Sea the tremendous contrast between the tropics and the colder English weather naturally meant a few cases of pneumonia, but the simple, regular life, with plenty of hard exercise has toughened the Colonials' constitutions, and they are now able to face the biting winds of the North Sea without hardship. Everyone, from Admiral Pakenham downwards, is delighted with the way the Australians are facing the real business of war. The men in turn idolize their admiral. His picturesque figure, his impenetrable calm in moments of imminent danger, makes up just that type of leader that the Australian loves to follow. When the men were paraded before Admiral Pakenham recently, he showed his appreciation of them in the following words: "I have been much struck with the appearance of the men on the Australia, and am more than satisfied with their conduct and efficiency. The building of the Australian Navy, and the idea of fitting it into the Imperial plan, was, indeed, a noble conception."

A Long Cruise.

When there were German cruisers at large, it was obviously impossible to say anything of the movements of the Australia, but now that the raiders have long since been swept from the seas, the story can be unfolded. And it is a story full of incident. The part that the Australia played at New Guinea is well known. Later the battle cruiser visited New Caledonia, where she was joined by the French warship Montcalm, the Australian light cruiser Melbourne, and two transports. When the squadron reached Samoa it was found that the German Governor was away pigeon-shooting. His representative naively explained that he could not surrender, but would not attempt to prevent the landing. After spending some time in the Pacific, the men suddenly learned that they had been ordered to Mexico. The news flung them into a state of the wildest excitement and enthusiasm, as they began to see a chance of getting into grips with the enemy. But hope was gain deferred.

Officers tell laughingly of an incident at Panama. The skipper of the warship's collier hurried ashore. He failed to return at the appointed time, and it was found that, owing to a misunderstanding, he had been seized by the authorities, who refused to release him for a day. The Australia had planned to make the passage through the Panama Canal, but was blocked owing to landslide at Culebra. This meant that the trip had to be lengthened by hundreds of miles. So the Australia shaped her course down the American coast. Christmas Day found her a day's steam off Valparaiso, and when the crew came ashore the British residents there raised £500, which was spent in cigarettes, tobacco, fruit and other gifts to the delighted crew. It was just before this time that the Australia had suffered from a match famine. The crew laughingly tell how they were forced to such straits that they had to pass a lantern in a queue to light their cigarettes and pipes.

Supply Ship Sunk.

Soon after leaving the Abrolhos Rocks, the Australian met the German supply ship Eleanor Woerman. It was useless to attempt to bring her in as a prize, as her slowness would have retarded the Australia in her real mission—the chasing of the German cruiser. Thus the order was reluctantly given to open the sea-cocks. Then, standing off about a mile, two tremendous reports broke on the still night air, and the twelve-inchers, followed by smaller lyddite shells, opened a way for the engulfing waves. "It was an impressive sight," said an officer, "and rather saddening to see the great holes torn in the hull, and then the fine ship suddenly flare up and disappear. But it had to be done."

War time calls for rigorous sacrifices. There is no place for surplus furnishings on a ship in action. The dining and smoking rooms on the Australia are hardly recognizable as those of peace times. There are merely clamps and brackets on the walls where formerly stood handsome bookcases and sideboards. An officer surveyed the gaunt, carpetless room with mixed feelings. "They say," he observed, drily, "that there's a bit of the Australia on the bottom of every ocean." It is recorded that, during the Falkland Islands pursuit, the Glasgow left a wake of bobbing chairs, tables and boxes, with a giant splash as a piano or sideboard was jettisoned. So the cabins of the Australia have been stripped of everything except bunks. Chests of drawers have nearly all been replaced by battered tin trunks, to the endless confusion of officers' belongings. The baths remain, and in this respect the Australia, having been built for the tropics, is better equipped than most other ships. Otherwise the furnishings, even pieces of ornamental woodwork, have gone. War is a stern business.

"We hope," said one of the principal officers, "that, when faced with the grim business of a sea battle, both ship and men will show themselves worthy of Australia." This no one who has visited the battle-cruiser can doubt. For, from the climbing of the gangway till the returning pinnace left, the Australia, but a murky shape in the falling mists, the outstanding impression crystallises into one word—"Efficiency." All the men have faith in the ship, a keen affection for their commander, and absolute confidence in their officers. Thus they await the testing day.

BRISK MARKET TRADE

Good Demand in Most Lines of Produce Reported at Yesterday's Session

Business showed improvement yesterday at the public market, and most of the stall-holders sold out the bulk of their products early in the session. Prices, if anything, were somewhat easier in staple lines, and ruled at the following average figures:

Fruit: Apples, No. 1, $1.40 per box; No. 2, $1.10; pears, 3c per lb.; No. 2, 2c per lb.

Dairy Producce: Butter, 40c to 45c per lb.; eggs, 55c to 60c per lb.

Vegetables: Turnips, 1c per lb.; cabbage, 1c per lb.; carrots, 1c per lb.; parsnips, 1c per lb.; Brussels sprouts, 6 lbs. for 25c.; watercress, 5c per bunch; celery, 2 head for 5c.; squash, 5c each; pumpkins, 5c each; lettuce, 2 heads for 5c; cauliflowers, 5c and 10c. each; marrows, 3 for 10c.

Meats: Lamb, 18c to 20c per lb.; mutton, 16c to 20c per lb.; veal, 15c to 20c per lb.; beef, 10c to 15c per lb.; pork, 12½c to 17c per lb.; fowl, 16c to 17c per lb.; broilers, 22c to 25c per lb.; ducks, 25c per lb.; geese, 25c to 27c per lb.; turkeys, 35c per lb.

Fish: Salmon, 10c per lb.; black cod, 10c per lb.; halibut, 10c per lb.; cod, 10c per lb.; smelts, 10c per lb.; smoked salmon, 12½c per lb.; bloaters, 8c per lb.; kippers, 10c per lb.; smoked cod shoulders, 2½c per lb.; crabs, 12½c each; smoked black cod, 12½c per lb.; clams, 3 lbs. for 10c.

TRIBUTE TO FRANCE

French Speaking People of U. S. A. Addressed by Representative of Republic's Committee of Foreign Affairs

"A short time ago a Franco-American festival was given at Lowell, Massachusetts," says The Bulletin des Francais, "at which the numerous French element was represented chiefly by French-Canadians.

"Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Senate, was present at the festival, and, speaking first in English, then in French, expressed a warm eulogy on France and her role in the present war. Here is what Senator Lodge said in French:

"A few words more before I take my seat, a few words in the language which you speak and which you love—the language which the whole world admires.

"It is over three hundred years since your ancestors landed upon this continent. You are Americans of the oldest stock, true Americans and none other. You have crossed an invisible line in becoming citizens of the United States. You owe them your fidelity and your loyalty. In times like these, surrounded by an almost universal war, it is the duty of the United States to maintain peace and an honest neutrality. But that neutrality cannot hinder our sympathy and admiration for those courageous men who are fighting for what they hold most dear in the world. You love France, the cradle of your race and of your language. We—all of us—love France because we shall never forget La Fayette, and Rochambeau, and all the heroes who followed them, and lent their aid to establish our independence. You cannot—we cannot refuse refuse her our sympathy in this dark hour. Who could refuse his homage to the French people, who are fighting like a single man, in silence and with an indomitable spirit for her independence, for her liberty and for her life? Do we not see them in their blood-stained trenches, and in their ruined villages continuing to fight with all the old French dash so justly celebrated?

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Robert Louis Stevenson.

In a lecture in the Loan Hall, Colinton, Scotland, Miss Rosalind Masson took as her subject Robert Louis Stevenson, patriot and soldier. It took a many-sided person, she said, to understand the admirable and non-admirable complexity of Stevenson's character. Lover of the open air, of the salt of the sea, and the dust of the road, restless gypsy, erratic Bohemian, brilliant conversationalist, indefatigable worker, of what strange components was not Robert Louis Stevenson constructed. As an instance of his love and his interest in soldiering, he mentioned that when an old general gave him a copy of Hamley's "Operations of War," he wrote to his father saying, "I am drowned in it 100 fathoms deep, and oh, that I had been a soldier is still my cry." With his stepson, Lloyd Osborne, he spent many hours systematically studying the art of war with a map on the floor of mountains, rivers, towns, bridges, and roads, of two classes, and mimic battalions that marched and counter-marched, changed from col-formation into line, made and destroyed bridges and intrenched camps. At the beginning of 1885 Stevenson was considering the writing of a life of Wellington. Continuing, Miss Masson spoke of Stevenson's personal contact with war in Samoa, where he actively took part in the politics that led to the war. The lecturer also told how Stevenson's "Footnote to History" was confiscated by the German Government, burned in Berlin, and its publisher there fined.

In the first six months of the war in Europe, English life assurance offices paid $1,250,000 to relatives of soldiers and sailors who had lost their lives.

WHAT DYSPEPTICS SHOULD EAT

A PHYSICIAN'S ADVICE

"Indigestion and practically all forms of stomach trouble are, nine times out of ten, due to acidity; therefore stomach sufferers should, whenever possible, avoid eating food that is acid in its nature, or which by chemical action in the stomach develops acidity. Unfortunately, such a rule eliminates most foods which are pleasant to the taste as well as those which are rich in blood, flesh and nerve building properties. This is the reason why dyspeptics and stomach sufferers are usually so thin, emaciated and lacking in that vital energy which can only come from a well-fed body. For the benefit of those sufferers who have been obliged to exclude from their diet all starchy, sweet or fatty food, and are trying to keep up a miserable existence on gluten products, I would suggest that you should try a meal of any food or foods which you may like, in moderate amount, taking immediately afterwards a teaspoonful of bisurated magnesia in a little hot or cold water. This will neutralize any acid which may be present, or which may be formed, and instead of the usual feeling of uneasiness and fullness, you will find that your food agrees with you perfectly. Bisurated magnesia is doubtless the best food corrective and antacid known. It has no direct action on the stomach; but by neutralising the acidity of the food contents, and thus removing the source of the acid irritation which inflames the delicate stomach lining, it does more than could possibly be done by any drug or medicine. As a physician, I believe in the use of medicine whenever necessary, but I must admit that I cannot see the sense of dosing an inflamed and irritated stomach with drugs instead of getting rid of the acid—the cause of all the trouble. Get a little bisurated magnesia from your druggist, eat what you want at your next meal, take some of the bisurated magnesia as directed above, and see if I'm not right."

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Sheriff's Office,
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December 15, 1915.

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AERIAL DEFENCE OF METROPOLIS

Questions In House of Commons Bring Practically No Information From Admiralty—Sir Percy Scott's Position

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The public anxiety as to the defence of London against air raids again became evident at the opening of the House of Commons today. The Admiralty's representative was bombarded by a series of questions, part of them concerning the present position of Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Scott, former commander of the aerial defence of London.

The opening question was:

"Can the Admiralty, with a view to reassuring public opinion, state whether the provisions for the anti-aircraft defence of London and the Eastern Counties have been proved to be satisfactory?"

Thomas J. Macnamara, financial secretary of the Admiralty, replied that he could add nothing to the statement already made. In answer to a question regarding the status of Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Scott, Mr. Macnamara said that he was still in charge of the defences of London, but that the transfer of the guns to the War Office was expected shortly and Sir Percy's continuance in that work would then be a question for examination.

Replying to another question, Mr. Macnamara said that he could not make a fuller statement regarding the changes in the personnel of the anti-aircraft service. He also declined to answer a question as to whether there had been seven or eight Zeppelin raids since October 23.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under-secretary for war, made the announcement in the House of Commons on Monday that the anti-aircraft corps in London was in control of the War Office, and that Rear-Admiral Sir Percy Scott no longer was in charge of it. Mr. Tennant said that the defence of London from aerial attacks had been under the divided responsibility of the Admiralty and the War Office, and this fact had been the basis for many criticisms.

CONTROL GIVEN OVER TO ALLIES

Greek Troops Evacuate Practically All of Greek Eastern Macedonia—Strong Position at Salonica.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Reuter's correspondent at Salonica says that virtually all Greek Eastern Macedonia has now been abandoned to the French and British forces, in accordance with the agreement reached with the Greek Government.

Most of the Greek troops which were at Salonica have been withdrawn in the direction of Sorovitch and Kozam, in Greek Western Macedonia, while the Lancaza division has left for Serres.

A Reuter's dispatch from Athens says the Bulgarian Minister has made public a reassuring statement dwelling upon Bulgaria's friendly attitude toward Greece.

"The Greek Government now seems to be satisfied that there will be no Bulgarian incursion on Greek territory," the correspondent says. "Relations between Greece and the Entente Powers are improving steadily, and King Constantine has announced his intention of attending the ball at the Russian legation on the occasion of Emperor Nicholas' name day, if his health permits."

Anglo-French Front

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The latest information obtainable by the Havas correspondent at Athens when he filed a dispatch yesterday was that the Anglo-French front extended as far as Kukush, in Greece, about twenty-five miles north of Salonica. The retirement is being carried on under favorable conditions, enabling the Allies to preserve all their war material.

Athens newspapers express the belief that neither German nor Bulgarian troops will cross the Greek frontier. It is stated that the German and Bulgarian forces in the Gievgeli section consist of nine divisions, three German and six Bulgarian.

Greek troops in Macedonia have been ordered to avoid all contact with foreign troops.

King in Ill Health

LONDON, Dec. 15.—King Constantine, of Greece, has contracted mild influenza, with symptoms of a slight fever, according to the Athens correspondent of The Daily Chronicle. The court physicians are said to have prescribed that the King take a complete rest and abstain from participation in state affairs.

ATHENS, Dec. 15.—The Anglo-French forces are rushing the work of fortifying Salonica with great haste. Trenches are being constructed across all available approaches and machine guns and howitzers mounted in advantageous positions.

Pressure Is Discontinued

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Athens to the Havas Agency, dated December 13, says:

"The ministers of the Quadruple Entente, according to the Greek press, officially informed Premier Skouloudis that the economic coercion had been discontinued and that Greek ships detained in the ports of the Allied nations would be released."

Hamilton Surgeon Promoted

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 15.—Major Dr. Kappelle, second in command of the 5th Field Ambulance at the front, has been given a field ambulance of his own and received the rank of lieutenant-colonel, according to information received here today.

Reported Zeppelin Wrecks

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—Danish newspapers report that during November three Zeppelins were destroyed by accidents in Germany. They were the Z-12, at Tondern, Schleswig, the Z-18, near Hamburg, and a third, whose number is unknown, at Bitterfeld, Saxony.

CLYDE LABOR TROUBLES

Committee of Investigation Submits Preliminary Report, With Some Recommendations

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The preliminary report of the committee which is investigating the labor troubles among the union workers in the Clyde district, was made public today by Mr. David Lloyd George, the Minister of Munitions.

The committee, consisting of Lord Balfour of Burleigh and Lynden Macarsey, finds that while the munition workers have certain substantial grounds for complaint, most of the difficulties arose from local friction, exaggerated into importance by delay in dealing with it.

The committee recommends minor changes in the law to provide for prompt settlement of disputes, and urges that no employer should have the right to dismiss an employee without cause. It demands the abolition of a prison sentence for non-payment of the fines imposed by munitions tribunals.

It asks the appointment of some person experienced in industrial questions to act as a special mediator and counsellor in the Clyde district, where he would be accessible with a minimum of delay.

The committee declines to deal with the case of certain workmen who were induced to come to the Clyde district on exaggerated representations of the amount of wages it was possible to earn, stating merely that such cases are unlikely to recur.

OFFICER FACING MURDER CHARGE

Case of Lieutenant Coderre, Accused of Killing Sergeant Ozanne in England—His Wife Arrives.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—The Gazette's correspondent in London cabled last night:

"Mrs. Coderre, of Sherbrooke, Que., the wife of Lieut. Coderre, who is under arrest in connection with the murder of Sergt. Ozanne, of the 9th Mounted Rifles, arrived in London on Tuesday, and heard for the first time of her husband's arrest. The news was a severe shock to the young wife, who had planned that her officer husband should meet her on her arrival in England. She left at once for Whitehill to see her husband.

"The firm of Hon. Charles Russell, legal advisers for the Quebec Government in London, have been instructed by Mr. Pelletier, Agent-General of the Province in London, to undertake the defence of Lieut. Coderre, and a member of the firm has gone to Whitehill to see the lieutenant and make an investigation of the case.

"The killing of Sergt. Ozanne was done in a most brutal manner, the body being slashed with the knife in such a way as to indicate that the slayer was in a mad frenzy. The deed must have been committed, it is stated by a powerful man, and doubt is now expressed whether a man of Lieut. Coderre's stature could have, unaided, mastered the sergeant in a struggle. The lieutenant is a short, wiry man, but not of great strength. He told the police after his arrest that they had taken the wrong man.

"An astonishing development of the case is the fact that Lieut. Coderre, Col. Archambault, and Major Hughes, of the 41st Battalion, arrived at the officers' mess that Wednesday night, after the murder was committed, and slept all night in the house without being aware that anything was wrong. It appears that after the crime was discovered in a stable close to the house occupied by the officers, one of the orderlies started out to find Col. Archambault and report the tragedy, but passed him in the darkness. The orderly did not return until next morning, and not until then was the commanding officer of the 41st notified of the murder. Then the police were notified. After a hurried investigation, they took Lieut. Coderre into custody pending the inquest, and also took with them two orderlies of the 41st, named Duchesne and Keller, who are detained as witnesses.

"Ozanne was divisional canteen sergeant, and it is said at the camp that he was in possession of a considerable sum of Canadian money, which he gave to Lieut. Coderre to be exchanged into sterling while the latter was in London on Tuesday, the day before the crime, and it was evidently for the purpose of settling the transaction that the sergeant came to the officers' house at Grayshott village that Wednesday afternoon.

"On Wednesday evening Lieut. Coderre messed as usual with his brother officers, and betrayed no sign of agitation. His demeanor was not that of a man who had been involved in a struggle, his brother officers say. Lieut. Coderre's father resides at Sherbrooke, Que. Lieut. Coderre came to England with the surplus officers. Then he returned with the 41st."

WILL EXCHANGE OPINIONS

Character of Austro-Hungarian Government to American Note on Ancona Sinking

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Austrian reply to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona has been delivered to Frederic G. Penfield, United States ambassador at Vienna, it is announced in a dispatch received here.

The reply states that the Austro-Hungarian government is prepared in principle to enter into an exchange of opinion with the American government and leave it to the Washington cabinet to draw up the individual maxims which the commander of the submarine that sank the Ancona is alleged to have violated.

The government expresses sympathy with the American victims.

Anxiety in Berlin

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15.—Internal conditions in Germany are causing much anxiety in Berlin. Even with the rigid censorship that has been set upon news, it has been impossible to disguise the seriousness of the food situation, acute already though the Winter season hardly has begun. No gold is circulating, it is declared, here. Only fear of the Government prevents opposition to the use of currency at all.

Serbians Starving

ROME, Dec. 15.—American Ambassador Page has received information that thousands of women and children are starving in Western Serbia and Albania.

PROMOTIONS IN CANADIAN ARMY

Official Gazette Publishes the Names of Several Who Have Been Raised in Rank—Major and Brigadier-Generals.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The following promotions in the Canadian Expeditionary forces are gazetted today:

To be major-generals—Brig.-General R. E. W. Turner, V.C., C.B., D.S.O.; A. W. Currie, C.B., and M. S. Mercer, C. B.

To be temporary major-generals—Colonels (temporary Brigadier-Generals) H. Smith, T. Benson and W. E. Hodgins.

To be surgeon-general—Col. G. C. Jones.

To be Brigadier-generals — Lieut. Colonels and Brevet-Colonels H. E. Burstall, C.B., R. G. E. Leckie, C. M. G.; D. Watson, E. W. B. Morrison, D. S.O., and Garnet B. Hughes, D.S.O.; Colonel (Temporary Brigadier-General) J. C. Macdougall, Col. Victor A. S. Williams, Col. J. P. Landry, Col. Sir John M. Gibson (honorary); Colonel the Hon. Jas. Mason (honorary); Col. W. A. Logie, Col. E. A. Cruikshank, Col. John Hughes, Col. A. E. D. Labelle; Col. E. W. Wilson and Col. H. M. Elliott.

The following promotions in rank also are gazetted:

To be brevet-colonels—Col. (Temporary) F. S. Meighen; Lt.-Col. H. E. Burstall, C.B.; Lt.-Col. R. G. E. Leckie, C.M.G.; Lt.-Col. D. Watson; Lt.-Col. E. W. B. Morrison, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. Garnett B. Hughes, D.S.O.; Lt.-Col. F. O. Sissons; Lt.-Col. H. C. Thacker; Capt. and Brevet-Lieut.-Col. C. J. Armstrong; Major and Temporary Lieut-Colonel H. D. B. Ketchen; Lieut.-Col. G. S. Maunsell, D.G.E.S.; Lieut.-Col. J. F. Macdonald; Lieut.-Col. R. J. Gwynne; Lieut.-Col. C. F. Winter, military secretary; Lieut.-Col. R. A. Helmer, director of musketry.

To be colonels—Lt.-Col. H. M. Elliott; Lt.-Col. the Hon. Sir John S. Hendrie, C.V.O.; Lt.-Col. C. S. Newburn.

To be honorary colonels—Lt.-Col. A. E. Thompson and Lt.-Col. A. A. Gooderham.

Brig.-Gen. Logie is D.O.C., Military District No. 2 (Toronto).

Honorary Brig.-Gen. Sir John Gibson formerly was lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

Honorary Brig.-General the Hon. James Mason is a member of the Canadian senate, residing in Toronto.

Brig.-Gen. E. W. Wilson is Acting D.O.C., Military District No. 4 (Montreal).

Col. the Hon. Sir John S. Hendrie, C.V.O., is lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

Major-General Currie, C.B., of Victoria, commands the First Canadian Division.

Major-General R. E. W. Turner, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., commands the second Canadian Division.

Major-General M. S. Mercer, C.B, commands the brigade of "corps troops" now at the front which will form the nucleus of the third division.

Brig.-Gen. Garnet B. Hughes, D.S.O., of Victoria, commands the First Infantry Brigade, First Division.

Major-General Hodgins has been adjutant-general at the headquarters staff at Ottawa for the past year, and has shouldered much of the burden of organizing the Canadian expeditionary forces. He has held commands both in Toronto and London, Ont.

Maj.-Gen. Benson was until last month, quartermaster general of ordnance at the headquarters staff, Ottawa. On November 15 he took command of the maritime province's military division, succeeding Brigadier-Gen. Rutherford at Halifax.

Major-General Henry Smith is one of the oldest and most respected members of the headquarters staff, and has been actively connected with the Canadian militia for half a century.

Maj.-Gen. John Carson, of Montreal, has since the outbreak of the war rendered invaluable service as the representative and chief executive officer of the Minister of Militia in London.

The promotion of Lieut.-Col. Logie, of Toronto, to be rank of brigadier-general, is for his work as commanding officer of the Toronto military district, where he has won unstinted praise from the Minister of Militia and the Militia Council.

The promotion of Sir John Gibson and Senator James Mason from rank of colonel to that of brigadier-general is resognition both of their many years of militia service and of valuable assistance to the department in an organizing capacity since the outbreak of the war.

Brigadier-General Wilson, of Montreal, has been accorded that title for a couple of months past, although the official announcement is only now being made. The order was, however, passed by the militia council last October.

EXPECTED WAR IN 1906

Prediction Made by Capt. von Rintelen, Who Was Then, as Lately, Propagandist for Germany

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Germany's disavowal of the acts of Capt. Franz von Rintelen, the propagandist who is accused of seeking to foment strikes in munition plants in this country, called forth a statement from a prominent banker in this city, who told of having met Von Rintelen at a reception in the home of a wealthy brewer in Fifth Avenue, in 1906.

The banker said that Von Rintelen came here in 1906 to prepare to protect Germany's interests on the presumption that an European war was imminent.

"The reception at which I met Von Rintelen," he said, "was given on the evening of February 7, 1906. Everybody seemed anxious to meet him. He flitted from one guest to another, addressing each in the particular language in which he chanced to have heard him converse.

"Although an American citizen, I am of French birth, and naturally I spoke at times in French. Von Rintelen addressed me in excellent French and began talking about the Algeciras affair. He had an office at 52 William Street, he said, and was associated with the Deutsche Bank.

"He asked me what I thought of the Algeciras affair. I told him I did not think it was anything to become alarmed over, whereupon he said: 'I tell you that this affair is likely to flame up at any moment into a general European war. It is bound to come in a few years, anyhow, and why not now?'

"I learned afterwards that Von Rintelen was sent here at that time to lay plans and do the same sort of propagandist work he did a few months ago, when his spy work was discovered and he was forced to leave the country.

"I asked him why he felt so confident about a general conflagration in Europe. He replied:

"'The time has come for France to decide whether she will cast her fortunes with England or Germany. If she chooses Germany, all will be well. If she picks England, I assure you France will pay the cost of the war with French territory and French money.'"

AGREE TO PEACE

Baseball Magnates at Chicago Acquiesce in Terms Arranged at New York

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—The end of the baseball war came in sight tonight, when the American League magnates at their annual session here agreed to the peace terms arranged at New York between the Federals and National Leaguers.

Within a few days, according to President Johnson of the American League, the details of the agreement, which does away with the Federals as an independent league, will be arranged. The American League has consented to appoint a committee to meet envoys from the other two organizations.

MINOR BATTLES ARE REPORTED

British and French Artillery and Aeroplanes Show Activity—Austrians Say They Have Advanced in Montenegro.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The British official statement issued tonight reads as follows:

"Last night the enemy exploded a mine to the southeast of Ypres. The crater was, however, occupied by our bombers, who drove off an attack. South of Messines, we seized an enemy barricade with trifling loss.

"Today our artillery has been active and has caused considerable damage to the enemy trenches.

"The enemy artillery has been active near Ypres.

"Our aeroplanes raided the Hervily aerodrome successfully. There have been ten combats in the air, in the course of which an enemy battle plane was driven down by our reconnaissance machines. One of our machines was forced down within our lines."

Extensive Air Raid

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"The usual cannonade occurred on the Western front.

"In the Ban de Sapt our artillery dispersed a column of 400 men who were changing positions to the northeast of La Fontenelle.

"A flotilla of 13 French aeroplanes bombarded the German camp at Habsheim, to the east of Muelhausen. Shells dropped on the hangars reached their objective. Of the 15 enemy machines which chanced to be on the ground at the moment of the bombardment, five of them took to the air and attempted without result to give chase to our squadron.

"The Belgian official communication reads: 'Our batteries caused the explosion of an important depot of munitions near the Chateau de Blackaert.'

"Army of the East—The Bulgarian troops have not crossed the Greek frontier."

Russian Report

PETROGRAD, Dec. 15.—The official communication issued today says:

"Western (Russian) front—Near Uxkull, an enemy aeroplane dropped bombs. In the region of Jacobstadt the artillery duel has increased in violence. In the Riga district our artillery at several points dispersed enemy workmen engaged in fortifying their positions.

"On the Dniester in the district of Usieczka, north of Ozaleszki, scouts of one of our cavalry regiments encountered enemy scouts wearing Russian tunics and caps. On being hailed by our scouts the enemy opened fire, to which our scouts replied, partly exterminating and dispersing the disguised Austrians.

"Caucasus front—On the Hamadan road our troops continue the pursuit of the Turco-German force. A delegation of inhabitants of Hamadan and influential Khans have come from Hamadan to ask our troops for protection against the rebels."

On Italian Front

ROME, Dec. 15.—The following official communication was issued today:

"In the Concei valley the batteries on Lardano fired on the positions on Monte Vels recently captured by us and already strongly fortified. They did no damage.

"Yesterday one of our air flotillas made a raid on the valley of Chapovano, in Idria, dropping bombs and darts on the enemy's camps and barracks. Our daring aviators, flying low in spite of the anti-aircraft artillery, fired quick-firing guns on the camps, causing a panic. Our airmen returned uninjured."

Fighting in Montenegro

PARIS, Dec. 15.—The following communication issued by the Montenegrin War Office reads as follows:

"The enemy energetically attacked on December 13 the entire front of the army of Sanjak, using big guns. These attacks were particularly violent in the direction of Plevlje, Kralievo and Grab, but were repulsed by our troops, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy."

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The following communication was issued today:

"In the Russian and Italian theatres there is nothing to report.

"Balkan theatre—The Austro-German forces of General von Koevess yesterday captured Montenegrin positions south of Vranagora. One pursuing column penetrated Para Pass and scattered an enemy battalion near Glibacsa. Other troops advanced to Grab.

"On the plateau east of Berane Mohammedans and Albanians are fighting alongside our troops against the Montenegrins. Here 240 soldiers and 150 men liable for military service were taken prisoners."

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

A Big Display of Useful Novelties and Furnishings —for Men—

See View Street Windows

IN the large windows on View Street we make our annual Christmas display of Useful Furnishings and Novelties for Men, that will be found most appropriate for gift-giving. All articles displayed are of a most useful character, such as every man has need of, and the price in every instance is most reasonable. A visit of inspection to this display or to the department on main floor will help you solve all your gift problems for men or boys.

Item	Price
Kid End Suspenders, in a large variety of webs, in fancy stripes. Each suspender packed in separate fancy box. A pair	50¢
President Suspenders, in pretty fancy boxes. A pair	50¢
Fancy Combination Sets—braces, armbands and garters; in fancy gift boxes. A box	$1.50
Two-Piece Combination Set—armbands and garters, in fancy individual boxes. Price, each	50¢
Three-Piece Combination Set—leather belt, armbands and garters, packed in nice box. Each	$1.00
Combination Set of Three Pieces—braces, armbands and garters, in blue, grey, mauve and white. At, set	$1.25
Garters, in fancy boxes; all colors—Cotton at, pair	25¢
Silk at, pair	50¢
Fancy Armbands, in fancy gift boxes, 50c, 35c and	25¢
Fancy Armbands, in burnt wood boxes, 75c and	50¢
Men's Braces, fancy lisle webs and kid ends; packed in individual gift boxes	75¢
Collar Boxes, in kid and leather effects, with small collar button box inside. Each, $1.25 and	$1.00
Better grade Collar Boxes. Each, $2.00 and	$1.50
Men's Mufflers, in full length style, in silk and silk and wool, also cotton and wool mixtures. Each, 75c and	50¢
Fancy Silk Mufflers, in Paisley effects; full size. At $1.25 and	$1.00
Scotch Plaid Ties, in all the different clans and colors, wide-end style. Each	75¢
Silk Four-in-Hand Ties, also with wide-ends, in all the newest styles, designs and colorings; one of the smartest assortments ever shown. Each tie packed in individual box. Each, $1.00, 75c, 50c and	25¢
Jap Silk Handkerchiefs, plain white. Each, 75c, 50c and	25¢
Muffler size, each	$1.25
Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, plain white, hemstitched. Each, 50c and	25¢
Cambric and Linen Handkerchiefs, plain white. At, doz., $6.00, $4.00, $3.00, $1.50 and	$1.00
Mercerized Handkerchiefs, with navy and white borders, also all plain white cambric. Special at, doz.	$1.00
Tan Mocha Gloves, wool lined. At, pair, $1.25, $1.00 and	75¢
Tan Cape Gloves, wool lined, all sizes. At, pair	$1.25
Woolen Gloves, in heather mixtures and black, for men and boys. At, pair, 25c to	$1.50
Youths' Mocha Gloves, wool lined, sizes 7, 7½ and 8; a very special offering at pair	$1.00
Boys' Mocha Gloves, wool lined; small sizes. At, pair	65¢
Dent's Tan Cape Gloves, in cadet and men's sizes—Unlined at, pair	$1.25
Silk lined at, pair	$1.75
Tan Cape Gloves, British make; unlined and in all sizes. At, pair	$1.00

—Main Floor

Navy Blue Serge Middy Trimmed With White Braid—Special at $2.90

—First Floor

Pretty Voile Waists at $1.75

—A splendid assortment of pretty styles in fine Voile Waists, just the thing for giving to a friend at Christmas. These Waists are not only pretty to look at, but are excellent in wear, and at the above figure represent the best values obtainable.

You have your choice from a wide range of styles featuring all that is new this season.

Come in and look them over while the assortment is at its best. Special value at $1.75

—First Floor

Another Large Shipment of Ladies' Cloth Spats Just Opened Up

—These are most fashionable this season, and many are buying them for Christmas gifts. We have just received another shipment and can again supply all sizes in the following:

Item	Price
Dark Grey Spats, 7-button length. At, pair	$1.25
Fawn Spats, 7-button length. At, pair	$1.25
Grey and Fawn Spats, with black braid trimmings. Very smart. At, pair	$1.50
Black Cloth Spats at, pair	$1.00
10-Inch Spats, for wear with short skirts; in plain cloths. At, pair, $1.50 and	$1.25
Superfine White Cloth Spats, with black binding. These can be washed and iron like new. At, pair	$2.50

—First Floor

Reliable Makes in Women's Gloves

—that make most acceptable gifts at Christmas time. Our stocks comprise all the best known makes and qualities, which we offer at lowest prices possible. A few of these are:

Item	Price
Perrin's Real French Kid Gloves, in tan, brown, black and white, 2-dome. At, pair	$1.25
Perrin's Real French Kid Gloves; 2-dome, and all the leading shades. At, pair	$1.50
Perrin's English Make Cape Kid Gloves; pique sewn, 1-dome. At, pair	$1.25
Perrin's Real Russian Cape Gloves—P. X. M. seam, 1-dome. At, pair	$1.50
Perrin's Child's Cape Gloves—Tan only. At, pair 75c and	$1.00
Perrin's Suede Gloves, black only. At, pair	$1.50
Trefousse Dorothy Suede Gloves—In grey, tan, brown and black. At, pair	$1.50
Trefousse White Glace—12 B.L., pair	$2.50

—Main Floor

Dainty Battenburg Linens at Specially Reduced Prices

For the Christmas Sale—Many fine pieces here, that will make most acceptable Christmas gifts.

Battenburg Linens, values to $1.00 for **50¢**—Squares, Rounds Centres and Runners; wide assortment of pretty designs and qualities. These measure 30 x 30, 18 x 45 and 18 x 54.

$1.75 and $2.00 Battenburg Linens for $1.00—Various sizes, measuring 45 x 45, 18 x 72 and 20 x 72. This is one of the best $1.00 values offered for some considerable time.

Battenburg Linen Table Cloths, $3.50 Values for $2.00—A limited quantity only of these, which will soon be bought up by early shoppers. Drawnwork centres with a nice quality lace edging, size 52 x 52.

Plain and Fancy Check Silks Suitable for Waists

—In plain shades Taffetas and Pailettes, and practically all colors. These will make up into very serviceable and inexpensive waists. At, yard ....50¢

Fancy check designs selling at, yard ....25¢

—Main Floor

Useful Dressing Gowns for Men

are here in a nice assortment of designs and qualities, which make them very acceptable gifts.

Item	Price
Flannelette Dressing Gowns, finished with silk cord and girdle. Each	$3.75
Blanket Cloth Dressing Gowns, in plain shades of navy, brown and green, at	$5.75
Dressing Gowns, in warm, cosy materials, in mixed striped effects, at	$6.75
Other better grades in camel hair, at prices to	$15.00

—Main Floor

Cream Cashmere Dresses for Children

In very dainty styles, trimmed with fine tucks and embroidery. Various styles, some with long waist with belt; others pleated from yoke and with belt of self material. Sizes 1½ to 8 years, at prices to $3.50 from $1.25

—First Floor

Useful Sewing Sets Marked at Quick Selling Prices

—A fortunate buy from a well-known novelty manufacturer brings these useful Sewing Sets here to sell at quick selling prices. Each set is complete with scissors, thimble, needle case, etc., and all are fitted to neatly padded presentation cases.

Our quick selling prices range up to $4.75 from as low as ....75¢

See Our Showing of French Ivory Goods in View Street Window —Drugs, Main Floor

More Dainty Styles in Fancy Tea Aprons and Boudoir Caps

—These are very appropriate gifts, and no wonder, for the articles are so dainty and useful. The tremendous quantity we sell proves their popularity. Make your selection early, while the assortment is large and satisfying.

Item	Price
Tea Aprons of Fancy-Colored Muslins, in pink and white and blue and white floral effects, daintily trimmed with lace and satin ribbons. Special, each	75¢
Tea Apron of fine crossbar muslin, trimmed with insertions, lace and ribbons. Each	75¢
Tea Aprons, of fine mull, fine marquisette and dotted Swiss muslins; neatly trimmed with lace, ribbons and insertions. Various styles. Suitable for Christmas gifts. Each	$1.00
Boudoir Caps, of fancy muslins, organdies, chiffons, etc.; made in various styles, at prices ranging up to $3.00 from	50¢

—First Floor

Excellent Values in Moire and Satin Underskirts

—Excellent values in Moire and Satin Underskirts are here for the Christmas sale, and many of these, we feel sure, will solve the gift problem.

These Skirts are all exceedingly good values and will give good satisfaction in wear.

Item	Price
Moire Underskirt, of a good serviceable quality, in all colors, including black and white. Special at	$1.50
Moire Underskirts, with deep flounce; a beautiful soft quality, and good wearing; all colors. Each	$2.50
Satin Finished Moire Underskirts, finished with deep flounce and pipings. Exceptional value at	$3.75
Satin Underskirts, nice soft qualities and in all shades. Special values at $3.90, $2.90 and	$1.90

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